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ING favourite to take over bank

Bonus battle on brink of Barings deal

By Philip Webster, Patricia Tehan and Neil Bennett

TWO Dutch banking rivals were locked in negotiations last night to buy Barings as concern grew about an alleged lack of control at the top of the stricken merchant bank during the Singapore dealings by Nick Leeson.

Although agreement was reported to be close, a last-minute stumbling block was understood to be the demand by executives at the bank that they should still receive bonuses totalling more than £100 million. The bonuses apparently would be based on last year's operating profits.

Despite the dispute, the Internationale Nederlanden Groep (ING) appeared to be poised to win the battle for Barings after a renewed attempt to trump its offer from ABN Amro, it rival. ABN had withdrawn from the auction last week when ING said that it ws interested in acquiring most of the Barings businesses. ABN had at first been interested only in the corporate finance arm and, perhaps, its asset management business.

When ING's exclusive negotiating rights ended without a deal being struck, however, it returned to the negotiating table on Saturday with a joint bid with Smith Barney, the Wall Street broker. At the end of the day, the administrators, from Ernst & Young, the accountants, wanted to sell the bank as a whole rather than breaking it up.

The directors of the Barings corporate finance team favoured the deal they had struck with ABN last week. They wanted to take their team to ABN.

Reports last night that the directors were holding out for bonuses provoked anger among charities with accounts frozen at the bank. A spokesman for the administrators said that the talks were extremely complex, but there were still strong hopes of a breakthrough. The prospective buyers were also reported to be annoyed at the attitude of the bank's top executives.

The latest twist came as Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, faces new pressure today to set up an independent enquiry after fresh disclosures cast doubt on the role of the Bank of England and Singapore blamed Barings for allowing the speculation that triggered the crash.

Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister, blamed the bank's failure on a lack of internal control. "Our authorities knew what was coming and forewarned the people involved," he said.

The Labour leadership will today demand a further Commons statement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer after disclosures that Barings was warned three years ago about the organisation of its Singapore operation and about Mr Leeson's position within it.

It will say that Mr Clarke's suggestion that the disaster was due to a single "rogue trader", Mr Leeson, is no longer sustainable. It will also say that the Bank of England-led investigation announced by Mr Clarke last week is no longer adequate because of question marks over its supervisory role in the affair.

The Bank of England said last night that it would investigate new claims that Barings transferred £800 million from London to support the derivatives deals that brought it down. Previously, the value of funds transferred to support the deals conducted by Mr Leeson, the Singapore-based trader, has been put at £400 million.

The Government appeared last night to be reluctant to offer a fresh statement. The Chancellor has told aides that he wants first to establish all the facts rather than respond publicly to every new allegation that arises. He could be forced to come to the Commons, however, if Labour were to apply for and the Speaker to grant an emergency question from Gordon Brown, Shadow Chancellor.

Mr Clarke's caution was seen as understandable by some senior Tories last night: they have assumed that he could not have been aware of the reported warning signals to the Barings board when he made his announcement establishing the Board of Banking Supervision enquiry.

Although Treasury sources denied that Mr Clarke was annoyed, they agreed that information not known to Mr Clarke at the time had emerged. They said it was because he regarded the present position as a "moving picture" that he did not want to deliver "kneejerk reactions" to every newspaper headline.

However, Labour was in a mood last night to return to the attack. Alistair Darling, its City spokesman, said the latest disclosures made a nonsense of Mr Clarke's acceptance that the collapse was the work of one "rogue trader". He said: "It does not stand up. It never did."

He added: "It is now also clear that there are broader policy implications following the collapse. It is not only the bank's management but also the role of the Bank of England as supervisor that is open to question."

The Chancellor had to explain what steps the Bank of England took to find out whether Barings had adequate internal controls or what checks it had carried out on any other banks that it supervised. "The Government has fostered a culture of complacency towards City regulation. It is essential to restore confidence."

The criticism from Singapore came after the disclosure that Simex, the Singapore Derivatives market, had summoned Anthony Hawes, the Barings group treasurer, to Singapore on February 8 to warn him of the sudden increase in the bank's trading activity. Mr Hawes had assured Simex that Barings knew about the trading and that funds would be sent from London to cover it.

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The Dean arriving for Communion yesterday: "My conscience is clear before God"

Dean denies sex charge in front of congregation

By John Young

THE Dean of Lincoln, the Very Reverend Brandon Jackson, stood before the congregation in his cathedral yesterday to deny that he had had an affair with a woman who had served as a verger.

Dr Jackson, who attended the morning Communion service with his wife Mary, described the allegations by Verity Freestone as ridiculous and totally untrue. After reading the statement prepared with the help of a solicitor, he listened while Canon Brian Hebblethwaite preached on selfishness, lust and "base desires".

Dr Jackson, 60, who is to face a consistory court on a charge of having an "improper" sexual relationship, told the congregation: "I have been aware of the allegations, as have my family and friends, since they were first made over a year ago.

"The Bishop and I are agreed that it is now in the best interests of the Church and everyone connected with the cathedral, as well as my family and myself, to make the matter public. In view of the fact that the case is now sub judice, I am unable to comment further, save as to say that my conscience is clear before God."

He told the congregation that the "ridiculous allegation" was totally untrue and would be strenuously resisted. The Bishop, the Right Reverend Robert Hardy, had agreed with him that he should take leave of absence until the matter was resolved, to allow him time to prepare his case. He thanked the congregation for their support and prayers.

In his sermon, Canon Hebblethwaite said: "We are all aware of the prevalence of sin and wickedness. Our newspapers and television screens are full of it. There is so much to sicken the sensibility and make us despair of human nature. But we, ourselves, are part of the problem. We may not murder, rape or steal but what of our jealousy, our lusts, our indifference to human need, our self satisfaction and hardness of heart."

Outside the 13th century cathedral, in a bitter wind, most churchgoers brushed past journalists, refusing to comment on Dr Jackson's

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Freestone: did not go to church yesterday

Blair fights to avoid Scottish party setback over Clause 4

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

TONY BLAIR is expected to warn the Scottish Labour Party this week that it could damage the party's prospects of power if it opposes his crusade to ditch Clause 4.

The Labour leader will deliver a tough message to the Scottish conference in Inverness on Friday, shortly before it casts a vote on Clause 4 that could represent the most serious setback to Mr Blair at the hands of his party since he took over in July.

At the same time, he faces internal opposition after fresh indications at the weekend, amid Tory allegations that his policy is in a shambles, that he is determined to weaken Labour's commitments to setting up regional assemblies in England.

Although Mr Blair's allies fear that the votes will be stacked against him on Friday, he is reported to be preparing an uncompromising warning to the conference.

He believes the Scottish National Party will gleefuly exploit Labour's discomfort if the Scottish party votes in one direction and the national party overturns its decision at the special Clause 4 conference on April 29. They would use it to back their claim that Scottish Labour is powerless in the face of a determined national leadership.

There is growing confidence that Mr Blair will secure the victory he needs on April 29. But he clearly faces an uphill battle on Friday, even though he could still swing the vote.

There is strong grassroots support in Scotland for Clause 4. To win, Mr Blair will have to sway some activists at the last minute, and efforts will be under way this week to persuade the GMB general union, which is at present set to abstain, to vote with Mr Blair, as it plans to do on April 29. Mr Blair will tell the Scottish party that the argument for a change that will broaden Labour's appeal is as strong north of the border as it is in the rest of Britain.

Although Labour is the dominant party in Scotland, he believes there is great scope for improving its overall share of the vote: to hold back the threat of the SNP, he believes, it will have to prove it has a modern message.

Mr Blair and John Prescott, his deputy, will submit their ideas for a new Clause 4 to a meeting of Labour's national executive a week today. This follows a lengthy period of consultations in the party.

Meanwhile, Labour's gradual move away from a network of directly-elected regional assemblies was confirmed yesterday, the day after John Major launched a fierce attack on its plans for regional government.

The Prime Minister told around 300 Conservative councillors at the Tory local government conference: "Another whole tier of government would make Britain the most over-governed country in Europe. I have never known such a total shambles as Labour's plans for regional parliaments and assemblies. They are a complete mess."

Jack Straw, the Shadow Environment Secretary, will spell out Labour's plans for regional government in a policy paper in June.

But in an interview with the *Scotland on Sunday* newspaper, Mr Blair said there was no consensus for bringing in regional assemblies in England when a new Labour Government sets up a Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh.

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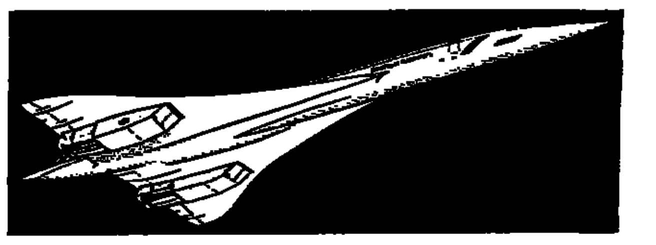

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EU crisis talks as peseta plunges

From Associated Press in Brussels

THE EUROPEAN Union's Monetary Committee gathered in an emergency session at Madrid's request yesterday, after a record low for the Spanish peseta and fears that Spain could seek a devaluation or leave the ERM.

The surprise meeting followed two weeks of turmoil in the European exchange-rate mechanism, which threatened to dump the peseta to the minimum level allowed within the ERM.

Market sources in the EU said that the Spanish central bank was seen intervening regularly during the past week, trying to prevent the peseta from sliding out of the currency grid.

After the *1993 European* currency crisis, the standard ERM fluctuation bands were widened to 15 per cent from 2.25 per cent to prevent the sort of market punishment that is now being inflicted on the peseta. Currently, the peseta has dropped to about 12 per cent below the central rate and there are fears are that it will drop further without massive intervention.

A European monetary source said Spain could either seek a devaluation or it could choose to leave the ERM entirely like the pound did in 1992.

Such action would be a political blow for the Socialist government of Felipe González, which has been a staunch defender of monetary union in the EU. It would display for all to see Spain's trouble in reaching EU targets necessary before a single currency can be adopted.

□ **Lisbon**: Portugal is studying a request for realignment of the peseta by neighbouring Spain, a Bank of Portugal spokesman said. (*Reuters*)

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UN focuses on poverty

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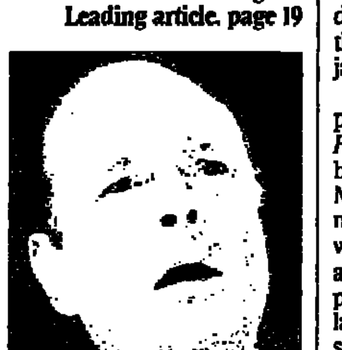

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Jacques Chirac, above, leads his Gaullist rival Edouard Balladur for the first time in opinion polls on the French presidential election.........Page 13

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Good jail guide tells inside story

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

INMATES of British prisons will soon be able to consult a consumer's guide on the conditions, regimes and facilities they should have and the best jail to which to seek transfer.

Oxford University Press, is publishing *The Prisoners' Handbook* next month. The book has been compiled by Mark Leech, a columnist for a national prisoners' newspaper who is serving seven years for armed robbery in Edinburgh prison, where he won a battle last month to have hot meals served on Saturdays.

Based on replies to questionnaires sent to prisoners and prison governors, the 430-page book will be on offer to prisoners by post from prison reform groups and may be sold in prison canteens. In hardback the proposed annual sells at £30. The paperback is £9.99.

Each entry includes the names of the main officials at the prison, how the prison is run, including the time inmates are woken and the time they are locked up, educational facilities, chaplains and arrangements for visitors.

"It's very much a consumer's guide," Leech said. "If you are going to a new prison, you can't find anything out. You have to find someone who was there. Now there is a well-rounded source of information on each establishment."

Speaking while on pre-parole weekend leave, he said the worst prisons were probably Dartmoor, Cardiff and Preston. Strangeways in Manchester, reopened after rioting, was now a model.

The best place to serve time? Without hesitation he recommended Grendon Underwood in Buckinghamshire as "the only one that comes near to preventing fresh victims. The reconviction rate is the lowest in the country at 8 per cent."

Adams 'unlikely to win compensation for mainland ban'

Adams: court challenge *funded by legal aid*

By Philip Webster and George Brock in Brussels

CONSERVATIVE MPs voiced their anger yesterday over claims that Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, might win substantial compensation from Britain for years of being barred from visiting the mainland.

However, as the Government made plain that it would fight any case, the European Commission vigorously denied reports that it was backing Mr Adams. It appears that a submission to the European Court of Justice from the Commission has effectively backed Britain's stance by pointing out that under the European Union's founding treaty individual countries have a right to restrict movement if public safety or security is threatened.

Only four days before the Commons votes on whether to renew the Prevention of Terrorism Act, Mr Adams has brought a legal action — with the help of Liberty, the civil rights campaign group — claiming that the Act breaches European law by preventing free movement of people within the EU. The case is due to come before the European Court later this year with that of John Gallagher, a Dubliner who was jailed for unlawful possession of firearms. He claims that an exclusion order against him infringed his rights of free movement. The High Court had asked for an opinion from the European Court.

Mr Adams has alleged that by excluding him from part of the UK, Britain violated Article 8A of the EU treaty which says that "every citizen of the Union shall have the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the member states". But the same clause of the treaty goes on to say that the right of free movement is "subject to the limitations and conditions laid down in this treaty".

In its opinion submitted to the European Court at the end of last year, the commission is understood to have argued that states are free under the treaty to restrict people's movement if public safety or security is threatened. The European treaties have always contained several clauses that make clear that the freedoms of the single market are not intended to override national governments' responsibilities for law and order.

The Commission's legal experts are required to give the court their interpretation of the treaty when a national court has asked for guidance. But EU officials said privately yesterday that Mr Adams's case stood little chance of succeeding and that British courts were unlikely to meet his compensation claim. The European Court of Justice has no power to grant compensation.

David Wilshire, a Conservative member of the Commons' Northern Ireland Select Committee and the British-Irish parliamentary group, reacted angrily to suggestions that there might be compensation. "We must be going mad if we take this seriously," he said.

Peter Bottomley, a former Northern Ireland minister, said: "He can have no claim for compensation. I hope Liberty will now back a claim by the family of an IRA victim to sue Sinn Fein/IRA as compensation for the murders of the past."

Mr Adams, who is now free to enter the mainland, began his court challenge, funded by legal aid, three years ago. The dispute moved to the High Court in London, which became deadlocked after judges could not resolve the apparent contradiction between national and community law, and they referred the problem to the European Court.

Divided Tories fear loss of 1,000 town hall seats

By Philip Webster, political editor

SENIOR Conservatives made a concerted appeal yesterday for party unity as fresh research suggested they could lose more than 1,000 seats in May's local elections.

Such a result, a further substantial erosion of the Conservative local government base, would almost certainly provoke a new bout of speculation over John Major's leadership.

In the wake of Norman Lamont's desertion from the Government last week, Lord Archer hit out at the former Chancellor and said the Tories could not hope to win the next election if they remained divided. The message was pressed home by Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, who said divisions were threatening all the Conservative achievements of recent years.

According to the BBC1 *On the Record* programme, the Tories could lose 1,350 council seats and be pushed into a humiliating third place, behind Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

An analysis by the BBC's political research unit for the programme predicts Labour will end up controlling 158 town halls, the Liberal Democrats 51 and the Tories 46.

The unit analysed the relationship between adjusted opinion polls in January and February, and the outcome of the local elections in May, for the years 1991, 1993 and 1994 (in 1992 the general election spoils the calculation), and then applied the relationship to this year's opinion polls.

Mr Dorrell, while saying that "reports of our death have been somewhat overwritten", refused to make forecasts. Asked if he thought the party would do well, he admitted: "No, but I'm not predicting the result in May."

He added: "If the party is seen to be divided that will undermine our effectiveness at explaining our case.

"We have actually created economic circumstances that compare favourably with anything we have seen in Britain for 30 years, we have seen, over the last 15 years, a transformation in the effectiveness and quality of our public services.

"All of that is at risk of being thrown away if we don't succeed in making those cases and making the case on Europe, which is what we are in favour of is a flexible outward-looking competitive Europe."

Meanwhile Lord Archer attacked Mr Lamont's decision to back Labour in last week's crucial Europe debate — which the Government won by just five votes. Lord Archer said: "He [Lamont] is ever such an articulate man. If he did decide to just be tiresome, I can't pretend it would be fun for the Tory Party. If we remain divided and go on being divided, we cannot hope to win the next election.

"I'm sick and tired of seeing two Conservatives on the television or radio fighting each other, with the socialists not even bothering to put anyone up because they know we are not only better in government but better in oppositon at the moment," Lord Archer said.

His comments, on BBC Radio 5 Live's *Sunday* programme, came as John Prescott, deputy Labour leader, said the Government was divided in all directions, and Mr Major was "buffeted around" by a split party.

Archer: *fears for* election victory

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Miriam Kennet and David Taylor of the Green Party get to grips without compromising their body spaces

Green men halt invasion of body space

WITH pollution on the increase and the public's enthusiasm for recycling programmes faltering, one would have thought the Green Party had its hands full already. But at the environmentalists' annual meeting in Weston-super-Mare yesterday, delegates were advised to adopt a policy of politically correct hugging to combat a new menace: "*invasion of personal body space*".

The "non-predatory embrace" is the *result of years of reseach and* was "the most efficient hug in the world," according to Miriam Kennet, 35, an "embrace expert" who has endured the "uncomfortable and overbearing" greetings of men for 15 years.

It is performed in a sideways action to prevent any unnecessary sexual harassment by contact with intimate parts. The huggers *stand side* by side with their arms around the back and *shoulder* and *gently squeeze. The movement should* keep sexual predators at bay and *prevent* any invasion of "body space".

Her innovation received an enthusiastic response. Ms Kennet, a member of the Green Party executive, said: "A full-frontal hug between a man and a woman is simply too much for a business-type situation, but a handshake is not emotionally expressive and far too formal. A politically correct hug *should be used to support* each other after working hard. A Green hug is *saying, 'We are working together and I* want to support you and I want you to *support me'*." *More than* 70 Green men are so far said to have mastered it.

Britain may support observers in Ulster

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

BRITISH and Irish officials are examining proposals for foreign military observers to deal with the decommissioning of terrorist weapons in Northern Ireland. The plans may be the most effective way of resolving the impasse.

A similar proposal was *raised last week by* Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, who said that a third country could assist in *the decommissioning. Britain* has an open mind on the issue *and has not ruled out help* from third parties.

Britain's exploratory talks with Sinn Fein have reached deadlock over the decommissioning of IRA weapons. The Government has said that while it does not expect the IRA to surrender its weapons in Northern Ireland it wants verifiable decommissioning. Sinn Fein has said that weapons should be dealt with as part of an overall settlement.

The exploratory discussions, due to end this week, are designed to resolve the issue before the talks can move to a ministerial level. The proposals for foreign obervers are similar to plans for an international disarmament commission drawn up by the *Ulster Unionists.*

The commission would include *two observers from* Britain and the Irish Republic, *and four international* technical experts. It would be led by a distinguished foreign military figure.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Geneticist calls for Gulf babies study

A geneticist yesterday called for a pilot study into birth defects appearing in Gulf War babies. Four children born to soldiers who took part in Desert Storm have been born with deformities. Twelve wives of the veterans have suffered miscarriages, two had stillbirths and five children were born with severe respiratory problems or low resistance to infection.

Dr Roger Sutcliffe of Glascow University said there was a rate of pregnancy failure and abnormality in newborn children in any population, but the key question was the frequency at which they were occurring: "There is a potential biological link between the Gulf War and the outcome of pregnancies in service families."

Hilary Meredith, a Manchester solicitor, is leading the *fight for compensation for veterans in Britain, and* says suspected Gulf War baby cases are beginning to emerge. "We need *more people to come forward so we can establish* a clear picture," she said. "There may be many servicemen *out there who have had deformed children.*"

Post strike starts

Managers were today due to stand in for postal workers staging a 24-hour walkout over Post Office closures. Thousands of members of the Communication Workers' Union in 19 regions, including London, Bristol, Glasgow and Liverpool, were due to strike in protest at what they say is a "backdoor privatisation" of Post Offices.

Yachtsman still missing

The search *is continuing in the southern ocean for solo* yachtsman Harry Mitchell, 70, from Portsmouth, and his *40ft yacht Henry Hornblower*, competing in the BOC Challenge round-the-world race and believed to be in trouble. A bulk carrier diverted to his last known position, 1,500 miles west of Cape Horn, early yesterday.

Mountaineers rescued

Six mountaineers in Scotland and Wales were flown to safety over the weekend as freezing weather caused treacherous conditions. Four climbers were taken to hospital with leg and head injuries after they were caught in an avalanche in the Cairngorms. In Snowdonia two men were rescued after being stranded overnight.

Candidate back in race

A prospective candidate for the late Sir Nicholas Fairbairn's seat, who withdrew after details of an alleged affair 20 years ago were published, is back in the race. Roseanna Cunningham, 42, a lawyer, is one of four people on the Scottish National Party's short list of candidates to fight the Perth and Kinross parliamentary seat.

Guards 'unchecked'

More than 1,000 security firms employing 20,000 staff are operating in Britain without control by trade organisations such as the British Security Industry Association or any government checks, according to a survey by Marketline International. The survey shows that there are more private security staff than police officers.

Oxbridge loses grip on power

By Nigel Williamson, Whitehall correspondent

THE proportion of Oxbridge graduates running the upper echelons of the State is set to fall below two-thirds.

Of the 20 civil servants running *the Cabinet Office*, Whitehall departments and the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland offices, 14 (70 per cent) are from *Oxford or* Cambridge, two each from *Manchester and Keele* universities and one apiece from *London and Glasgow*.

However, the appointment last week of Michael Bichard, educated at Birmingham and Manchester universities, to run the Department of Employment in place of the retiring Sir Nick Monck cuts the Cambridge contingent to eight, raises Manchester's representation to three, and reduces the Oxbridge presence to 65 per cent.

The appointment is being seen as something of a breakthrough. Some have even described Mr Bichard as "an outsider", Whitehall-speak for anyone who has been a civil *servant for less than a decade* and who has work experience outside the government machine. Currently head of the Benefits Agency of the Department of Social Security. Mr Bichard has been a civil servant only since 1990 and is the first head of the government's quasi-autononomous executive agencies to be made a Permanent Secretary. Mr *Bichard, 48, will also become* the youngest mandarin running *a Whitehall department.*

Further changes next *month, enforced by the retirement* of Sir Christopher *France from the Ministry of* Defence will leave the balance unaltered. Sir Christopher, an Oxford man, will be replaced by Richard Mottram, currently Permanent Secretary at the Office of Public Service and Science, who was educated at Keele. However, Mr Mottram's present post will go to Robin Mountfield, another Oxford man.

Until last week's appointment at Social Security, the "new boy" in the corridors of power was Sir Terry Burns, Permanent Secretary at the *Treasury, who has been in the* civil service for a mere 15 years.

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Parson 'warned not to preach at breakaway parish'

By John Shaw

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND parson who gave Holy Communion at a service yesterday for five breakaway parishes in Norfolk claimed from the pulpit that he had received threats from those who wanted him to stay away.

The Rev Robert Van der Weyer, preaching the sermon at a tiny 11th-century church at Threxton, told the packed congregation: "Do not be intimidated by threats. I have had threats. But the Church is the people of God."

The service, attended by 37 people, was the latest twist in the continuing saga of what one churchgoer called "three weddings and a sacking". The Rev Kit Chalcraft, 56, who has been married twice before, wants to marry Suzanne Hall, a widow, who is one of his parishioners. The Rt Rev Peter Nott, Bishop of Norwich, opposed it and Mr Chalcraft was dismissed.

Mr Van der Weyer, 44, said he had received a letter from the Rt Rev Stephen Sykes, the Bishop of Ely, asking him not to take the Norfolk service. But Mr Van der Weyer, who preaches at two other churches near Huntingdon that have opted out of diocesan control, said that after taking legal advice he had ignored the bishop's plea.

"I will come here as often as they want me to. These people are wonderful. They are the roast beef of old England. They stand for all that is best in the English character and the English countryside." He said that Bishop Nott was trying to impose ministry on them and that was wrong.

Mr Chalcraft's tenure as priest-in-charge of the ten-strong Hilborough group of parishes ended last Tuesday. he went on holiday and Mrs Hall, a presenter on the BBC television programme *Nationwide* in the 1970s, also left the district. She returned for the service yesterday "to show solidarity to all the wonderful people who have supported Kit".

She and Mr Chalcraft plan to marry later this year and live in Norfolk. The dispute split the parishes equally and five decided to opt out of diocesan control, although they want to remain in the Church of England.

Footit: the Devil has caused the friction

Churchwardens consulted Mr Van der Weyer about the next step. He was ordained in 1981 and has never been paid by the Church.

After the service, Philip Jones, a churchwarden and landscape painter who has exhibited at the Royal Academy, said: "It was wonderful. He said everything we feel."

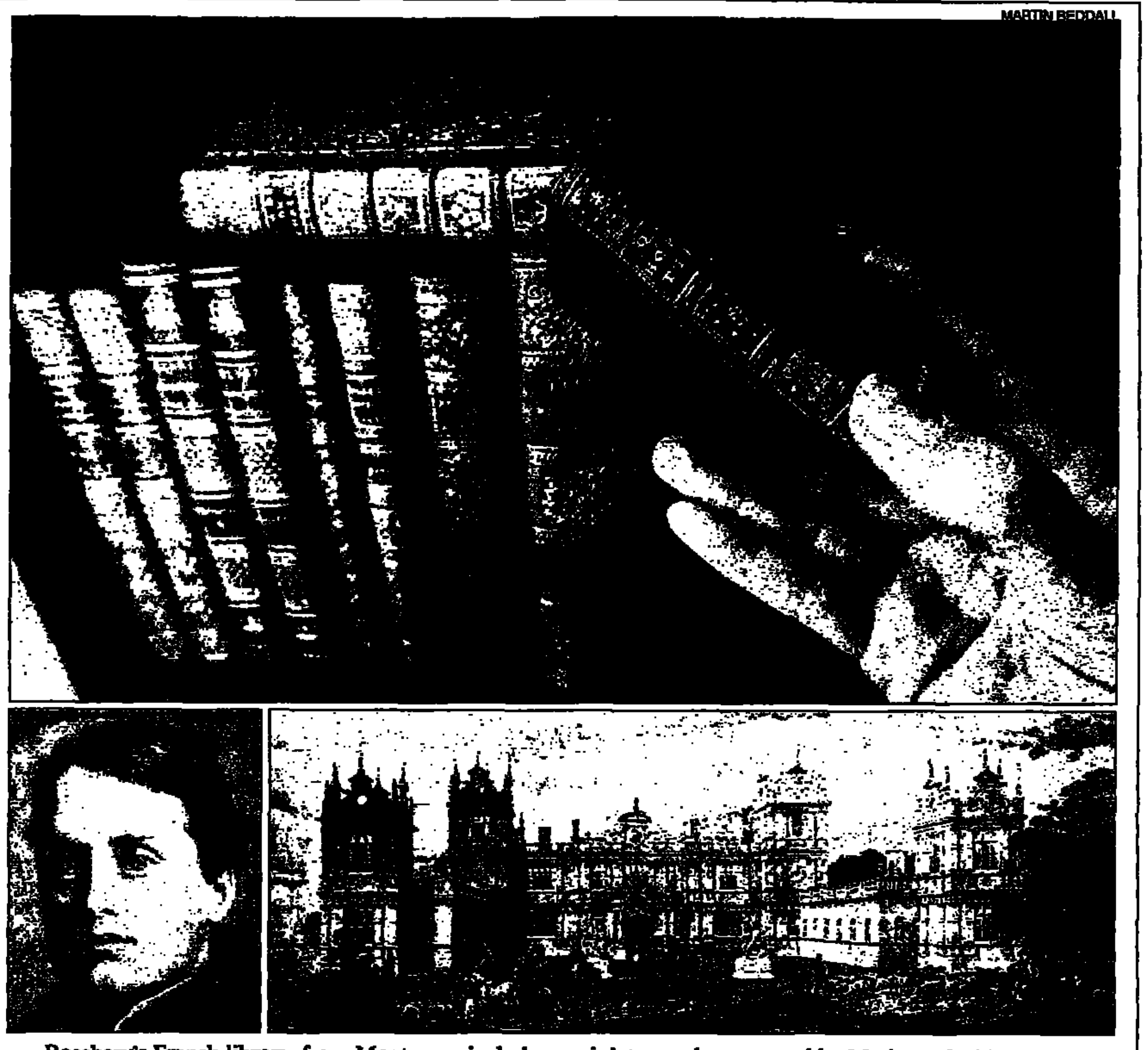
Major Gavin Anderson, a retired officer from the Grenadier Guards, said he was not a regular churchgoer but "if this is what the new regime is about I shall be here every Sunday. It was first class."

Bishop Nott has appointed the Venerable Anthony Footit, Archdeacon of Lynn, to take charge of the Hilborough group until a permanent appointment can be made. He conducted Holy Communion earlier in the day at Foulden.

Archdeacon Footit said in his sermon he was wary of the expectations placed on him to solve the problems of the group "as if I am some sort of troubleshooting angel". He said the battle was not against the five dissident parishes, it was against the Devil who caused such friction. The congregation said prayers for Mr Chalcraft.

Rosebery library expected to fetch £800,000

By Jim McCue



Rosebery's French library, from Mentmore, includes a miniature volume owned by Madame de Pompadour

A LIBRARY formed by the 5th Earl of Rosebery, Prime Minister a hundred years ago, is expected to fetch more than £800,000 at Sotheby's on May 25. The 500 volumes comprise Rosebery's French library, which he formed for his Mentmore mansion in *Buckinghamshire*.

The books cover of French politics and philosophy from the 16th century to the Revolution, and include first editions of Montaigne, Molière, Pascal, Montesquieu, Marat and Madame de Stael.

The 5th Earl, born Archibald Primrose in 1847, was a reforming Liberal, and a powerful orator. He was also rector and chancellor of several universities and a biographer of Pitt, Peel, Napoleon and Cromwell.

While an undergraduate at Christ Church, Oxford, he was already in possession of a small stud, and indeed chose to abandon his degree rather than his horses. He later won the Derby three times.

He owned several of *Stubbs's finest equine portraits*. Since his death in 1929, his legacy has been good business for Sotheby's, which sold his sporting *books and Napoleonica in* 1933, and the contents of Mentmore, excepting the library, *in 1977*.

The highlights this time will include books associated with the last three generations of French royalty: *volumes once owned by mis*tresses of Louis XIV and Louis XV, and Louis XVI's *manuscript* account book of chattels, from 1785 to 1789.

The most expensive item in the sale will probably be a complete set of Merian and *Zeiller's Topographia* (1642-50), a 12-volume rarity comprising views of Germany, *Austria* and *Switzerland*, which could fetch £120,000.

A copy of the 1481 edition of Dante's *Divine Comedy*, the oldest book in the sale, is expected to fetch £10-15,000. Produced only nine years after the poem was first *printed*, this edition is famous for a series of engravings from Botticelli drawings thought to have been commissioned by *Lorenzo de' Medici*.

Spirit of Trollope stalks Lincoln

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE conflicts that have thrown Lincoln Cathedral close into turmoil exceed even those dreamt up by Trollope. Many church insiders believe, however, that some such bloodletting was inevitable given the antiquated rules and traditions by which cathedrals are managed. These rules make some of the older establishments almost ungovernable when personalities get in the way of principles.

When Judge Goodman, Chancellor of Lincoln diocese, comes to hear the case, it will be more than the future of the dean, Dr Brandon Jackson, that is at stake. The dispute over the exhibition of the cathedral's Magna Carta in Australia in 1988, which cost it £56,000, was the main debacle which prompted the establishment of a commission to examine the future of England's 42 cathedrals.

The commission, chaired by Lady Howe, recommended in its report last autumn the ending of the clergy freehold in cathedrals that guarantees a job until retirement. The report made it clear that there should be no repeat of events such as those at Lincoln.

The latest issues at Lincoln concern more than the private conduct of the dean, but again throw into the spotlight the question of ecclesiastical authority. Because of the freehold, it is almost impossible to sack a clergyman without costly litigation. The last "conduct umbecoming" case in the church was that of the Rev Tom Tyler in the Chichester diocese. His case, which included an unsuccessful appeal after he was found guilty of adultery with a parishioner's wife, cost the Church more than £350,000.

At Lincoln, as at every cathedral, the bishop is almost powerless to discipline or dismiss the incumbent clergy — and must knock on the cathedral door before he can enter for his own consecration.

Also at Lincoln, as at many of the older cathedrals, the dean himself has little authority over the residentiary canons, and cannot impose a decision on his chapter if they vote against it. When a personality clash occurs, only deadlock can result.

Under the church law invoked in this case, the bishop does have power to suspend the dean, but has chosen not to. Instead, Dr Jackson, who was appointed the year of the Magna Carta exhibition and then called in the fraud squad, has voluntarily taken leave of absence until the case is resolved.

Dean acts

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alleged indiscretion. One woman said she had been shattered by the news. "I know the man, and I think the whole business is quite ridiculous."

About 200 people were in the cathedral to hear the dean's statement. They were of all ages, mostly local people but including a scattering of tourists.

At her home, a small terraced house close to the city centre, Miss Freestone, 31, said yesterday that she could not add much to her story. "Until I get instructions from my solicitor, I can't really say anything more."

She had not attended church services yesterday and imagined that her allegations would affect her relations with the cathedral for the foreseeable future, but she had no intention of leaving Lincoln and would continue her employment with an agency doing care work.

On Saturday, she said that she had had a "brief" affair with Dr Jackson in 1993. A regular member of the cathedral congregation, she had applied for the paid job as a verger on the advice of the Dean who was a member of the panel that appointed her to the post.

Bar calls for tough legal aid sanctions

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

DRACONIAN jail sentences of up to seven years, coupled with random spot checks on legal aid applications, are called for today by the Bar to curb legal aid fraud.

In the wake of public controversy over large sums of legal aid going to people alleged not to warrant it, the Bar says there must be "tough sanctions" on those who abuse the system.

The Bar, responding to proposals from the Lord Chancellor to tackle the problem of "legal aid for the apparently rich", urges an increase from three months to seven years in the maximum jail sentence for offences under section 39 of the Legal Aid Act 1988.

It also calls for the setting up of a Legal Aid Investigation Unit to carry out random spot checks on applicants and deal with any cases which trial judges might decide to hand over for investigation. But the Bar, and the Society of Labour Lawyers in a separate paper to be published this week, also express concern that the Government proposals might damage people's access to the courts in civil cases.

The society, chaired by James Goudie, QC, a leading public law barrister, attacks Government proposals as "misleading and misguided", and failing to tackle the problem of current abuses.

"The debate has confused civil and criminal proceedings," the Labour paper says. "It is fundamentally unfair to reduce the eligibility of those with legitimate rights to pursue, in response to concerns about very few criminal defendants." The Labour lawyers say that under the Lord Chancellor's proposals published in a Green paper before Christmas, many applicants for civil legal aid qould effectively be disqualified.

Bank managers to attempt student life on £23 a week

By Paul Wilkinson

TWO bank managers are to swap roles with two undergraduates for a week to experience life on a student grant of £23.10 a week.

While Lance Greenwood and Kevin Macadam attend lectures on fluid dynamics and differential topography and dine on baked beans and jacket potatoes, Lindsey Moses and Rachael Brigham will be dealing with high finance for Barclays and the Midland banks respectively.

The switch is the idea of Mark Moody, president of the Students' Union at Hull University, as part of his campaign to highlight the poor level of financial aid available to undergraduates. When students leave university most expect to be about £2,500 in debt.

He said: "Last term we got four university staff to live on a student grant for a week. Three out of the four couldn't survive."

Both managers have experience of working with students as their branches serve the university campus, but neither is a graduate. Mr Greenwood, 38, a student adviser with the Midland, went into banking with six O levels, and Mr Macadam, 28, joined Barclays from a Youth Training Scheme with five O levels. He is married with his first child due any day. Both are swapping suburban homes for a university accommodation block.

As Mr Macadam prepared for a tour of Hull's cheapest supermarkets yesterday he said: "We've got a full programme of activities from lectures to helping out in the community, so I don't think it will be a 'doss'. I'll be surprised if either of us manages to survive on the £23."

The two students will be paid by the banks for their week's work, earning up to six times their weekly grants.

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"My time is always very short. Far too short." He spreads his hands. "I'd like to spend more time with the school. More time at home. More time in the theatre.

"But in the meantime I love playing the violin. I love conducting..."

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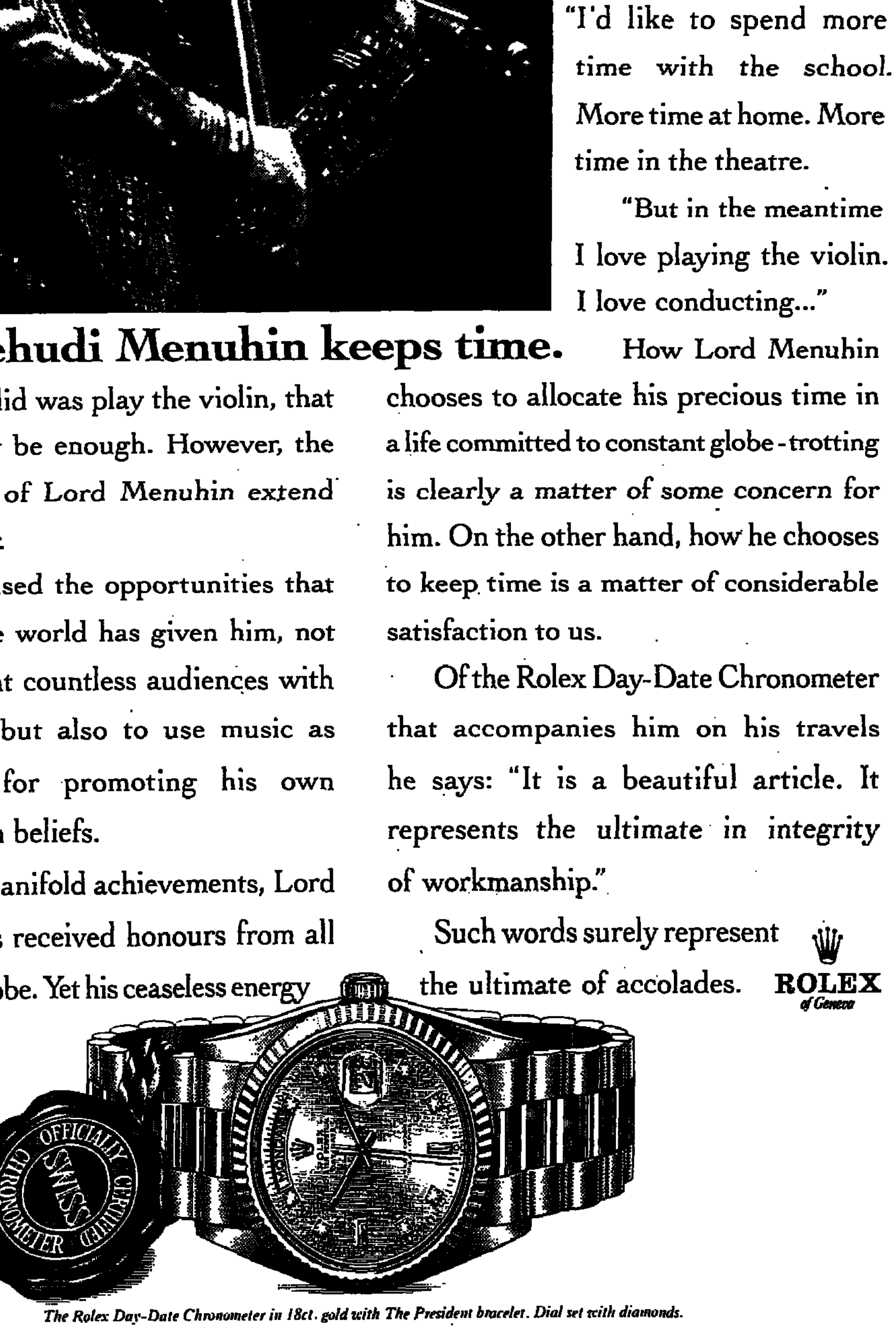

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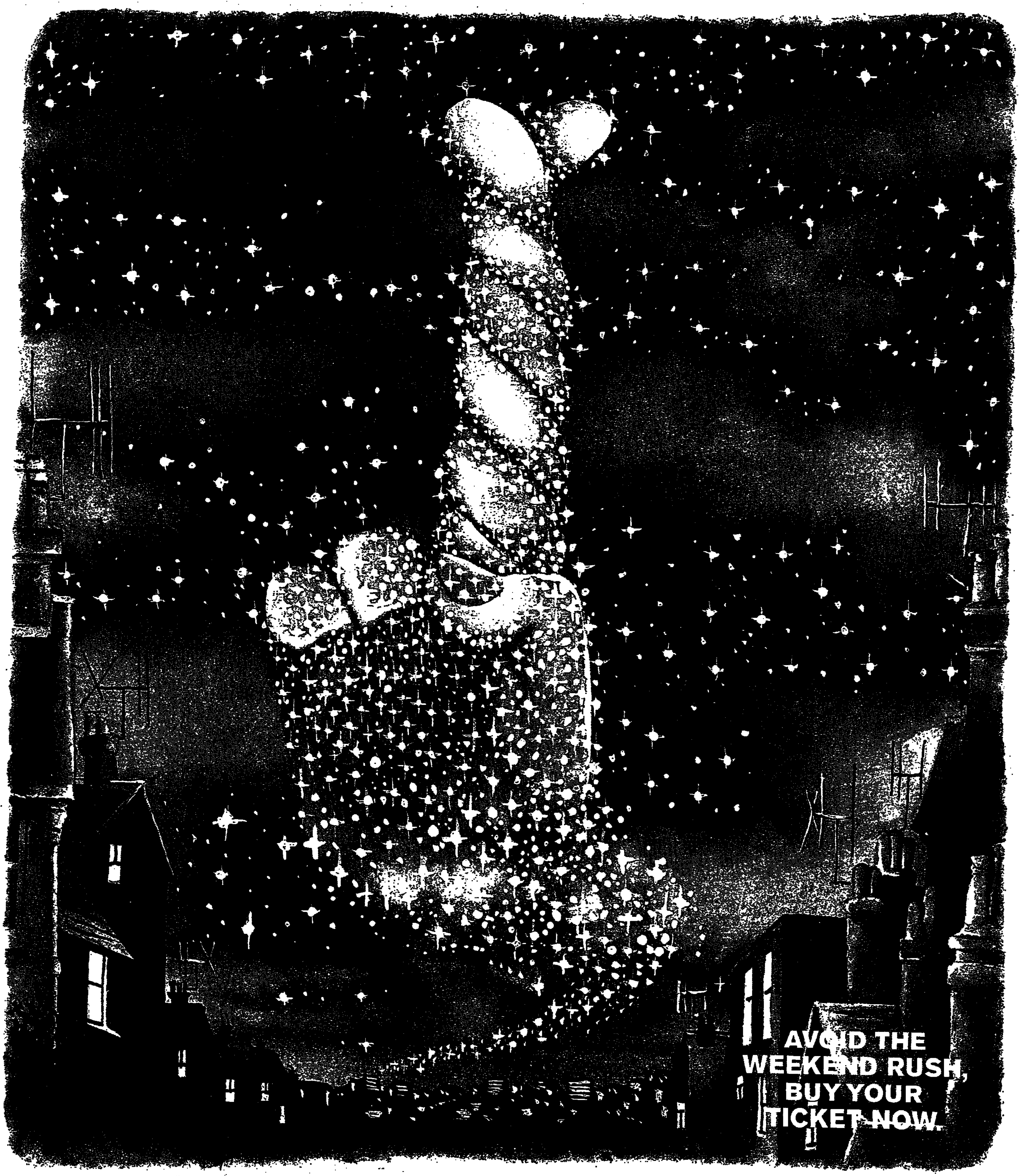
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Broker once paid £2m perk can earn £3.50 a day in jail

From Dominic Kennedy
in Frankfurt

PRISON

NICK LEESON is being held in a suburban remand prison while he fights extradition from Germany to Singapore. A guard at the 300-inmate jail in Frankfurt says there was a look of desperation on the banker's face as the door closed on his 12ft by 8ft cell on Friday.

If he behaves well, he will be eligible for a prison job as a cleaner or cook earning eight marks (£3.50) a day. Mr Leeson, 28, only meets other prisoners during brief morning exercise in the courtyard.

The jail, Justizvollzuganstalt number 2 in the comfortable suburb of Höchst, has six other Britons awaiting trial. His day begins before first light with a 5.45am alarm call.

Mr Leeson has to wash using the basin in his cell and is only entitled to go for a shower once a week. He has his own flush lavatory. Most of the remand prisoners are young offenders but the top floor of the three-storey prison is used as an overspill for adults, mostly accused of white-collar crime. None is a hardened criminal.

He can open his window to allow in the fresh air, which was particularly biting in a grey Frankfurt yesterday. Through the metal bars and a mesh grille, he can observe the world beyond the 25ft walls. At 7am Mr Leeson is served a breakfast of coffee, bread, jam, margarine and yoghurt, which he eats alone. He can then spend most of his time reading and writing at his desk.

The prison library includes a selection of English language books to dip into when he completes the Tom Clancy thriller that he was carrying both when apprehended at Frankfurt Airport and on route from police custody to his remand hearing on Friday. English and German newspapers are also delivered to the jail.

Prisoners are taken in shifts for brief exercise in the prison yard. Lunch at noon is a hot main meal of meat or fish, with no choices. Veal and goulash have recently been served. Mr Leeson can listen on a headset to radio piped into the cells, choosing either the American Forces Network, broadcast in English, or a German-speaking station. Tea at 4.30pm is a snack of bread with cheese and cold meats.

Yesterday, Roman Catholic mass and a Protestant service were held in the prison. These are both popular with inmates, partly because they offer one of the few opportunities to meet other people and to exchange magazines and newspapers. Many of the prisoners are Turks or Arabs, who are able to attend regular Muslim worship.

After four weeks of good behaviour, new inmates are entitled to certain privileges. They can swap their blue prison uniforms for their civilian clothes. Radios and televisions are allowed in their rooms after being dismantled and checked for hidden weapons.

Prisoners have a chance to congregate in the television room and to play sport in the afternoons, when a female PE instructor coaches handball and basketball on a grass pitch behind the prison. Balls yesterday dotted the razor wire topping the prison walls where they had been accidentally impaled.

Another privilege is to have a prison job, which can earn small amounts of pocket money. Prisoners do all the cleaning and cooking for the jail and Mr Leeson, whose bonus for one year as a banker was reported to be £2 million, could be reduced to making £3.50 a day. The prison has its own internal newspaper which inmates help to write. They can also take classes in skills, including computing. There have been several suicide attempts so staff are aware of the dangers of leaving inmates alone for long without checking them. Lights go out at 10pm.

Visitors are usually allowed on Wednesdays and Thursdays although lawyers can see their clients at other times and Mr Leeson's lawyer, Eberhard Kempf, is to visit him today. Mr Leeson has an opportunity to challenge his remand in provisional extradition custody at the regional court in Frankfurt this week.

Battle for Barings, page 1

Authorities warned bank that collapse was ahead

From Neil Bennett
in Singapore

SINGAPORE

ATTACKS on Barings's management were stepped up yesterday when Goh Cheok Tong, the Prime Minister of Singapore, blamed the bank's failure on "a lack of internal control". He said: "Our authorities knew what was coming and forewarned the people involved."

The criticism followed the startling disclosure that Simex, the Singapore International Monetary Exchange, had summoned Anthony Hawes, Barings's group treasurer, to Singapore on February 8 to warn him of the sudden increase in the bank's trading activity. But Mr Hawes reassured Simex that Barings knew about the trading and that funds would be sent from London to cover it.

"Simex became concerned about Barings's volume of trades in the first week of January," Kasiviswanatham Shanmugan, a legal adviser to Simex, said.

Price Waterhouse, the accountancy firm appointed last week by the Singapore courts to take charge of Barings Derivatives business, disclosed on Saturday that Barings's head office in London had injected £600 million into its Singapore Derivatives business in January and February to support its trading positions. "The bank said it was aware of Barings's financial commitments and that credit facilities would be arriving to meet them," Mr Shanmugan said.

The Singapore authorities have also disclosed evidence that a senior manager of the bank warned the London office almost three years ago about the dangers of giving Mr Leeson too much power on Simex. The warning came in a fax dated March 25, 1992, from James Bax, the head of Barings's operations in Singapore, to Andrew Fraser, the head of equities at Barings in London. "My concern is that we are once again in danger of setting up a structure that will prove disastrous and with which we will succeed in losing either a lot of money or client good will or probably both," it reads.

Bax: sent warning fax in March 1992

Mr Bax was concerned that Mr Leeson, a former settlements clerk, was being put in charge of all aspects of running the company's business on Simex, including dealing and settlement. He objected to him being considered in London as "head of our Simex operations". He recommended that Mr Leeson be limited to just the "operations side" of the business but his advice appears to have been overruled in London.

Mr Bax concludes by threatening that unless Mr Leeson's role was limited, his own position as a senior manager "is inappropriate and needs review". This is thought to be why Mr Leeson reported directly to London.

Mr Bax, who has been interviewed by the Singapore police and has had his passport confiscated, refused to comment at his home yesterday. Meanwhile, Price Waterhouse has also suggested that some of Barings's records in Singapore may be missing. Vijka Rajah, Price Waterhouse's legal adviser, admitted that the papers are "in a state of disarray".

Nevertheless, they are being examined by officials from Singapore's Commercial Affairs Department, who are assembling a formal case to extradite Mr Leeson from Germany on fraud and forgery charges.

At the weekend Price Waterhouse disclosed that Mr Leeson had ordered his staff to reclassify entries in Barings's trading records. This is believed to have made the loss-making derivatives contracts more difficult to interpret. Two of his staff have been interviewed and released by the Singaporian authorities.

Price Waterhouse and Simex emphasised at the weekend that none of the documents they have produced implicates or clears anyone in the affair. So far none of the Barings managers in London has said why the bank apparently supported Mr Leeson's trading activities.

The affair is now being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office and the Bank of England, while Labour MPs are calling for an independent inquiry into the collapse. Price Waterhouse said that it plans to interview senior Barings managers in London to discover precisely what happened at the bank.

MICHAEL POWELL

Ian Hedges tests his electric wheelchair encouraged by nurse Amanda Pearson

Grants hit by frozen assets

CHARITIES

A PARTIALLY paralysed man with spinal injuries, who unwittingly became a victim of the Barings bank failure, was saved from dissapointment on his 25th birthday yesterday by British Telecom (Helen Johnstone writes).

Aspire, a spinal injury charity based at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in north London, was due to supply Ian Hedges, from Basildon, Essex, with a £3,000 electric wheelchair, but its assets in the bank were frozen. The chair was instead paid for by BT's community affairs programme.

Gay Rose, Aspire's administrator, said money in two accounts with Barings containing the bulk of the charity's £1.2 million assets was "possibly lost for ever".

Many charities are likely to lose grants from the Baring Foundation, the trust that owns all the stricken bank's non-voting shares and which gave away £13.7 million last year. The bank's charitable arm has suspended its grant-giving operation, although a spokesman said existing pledges would be honoured.

Those charities whose assets have been frozen may get 75 per cent of their deposits back, but only up to a maximum of £15,000.

Top staff demand payment of bonus

By Ian Murray

CHARITIES with accounts frozen at Barings reacted angrily last night to news that senior staff were insisting on being paid bonuses totalling £105 million before accepting any deal to rescue the bank.

"It is completely outrageous," said Martina Crowley, chief executive of Aspire, which helps people paralysed with spinal injuries. "At the very least I would think they would have a moral duty to customers like us.

"The people we deal with and have to buy wheelchairs and equipment for do not have fat bonuses and pay cheques to rely on. If it turns out that Barings have known about this for the past three years, I really don't know how they can sleep at night."

RESCUE DEAL

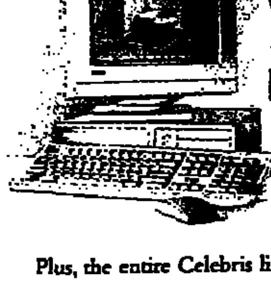
Among those said to have qualified for a big cash payout is Nick Leeson, the Singapore-based dealer at the centre of the collapse, who boasted to colleagues last month that he was promised £1 million because of his substantial contribution to the bank's profits. The bonuses were earned last year when the staff involved helped the bank to make record profits.

Barings was one of the few investment banks planning to pay bonuses for 1994, when many of its rivals had a bad year. The bonus scheme was regarded as an important incentive by the bank and helped it to recruit and motivate some of the best merchant bankers.

Anyone buying the bank may therefore be forced to honour these bonuses in order to stop the best staff being headhunted by rival financial institutions. The bank's chief asset is its team of experts.

The main beneficiaries are understood to be senior directors and top market traders. The bonus money they earned has already been set aside and is frozen with the bank's other assets.

In 1993 Peter Baring, the bank's chairman, was paid a profit share of £1 million in addition to his salary of £212,000 and a pensions contribution of £30,000.



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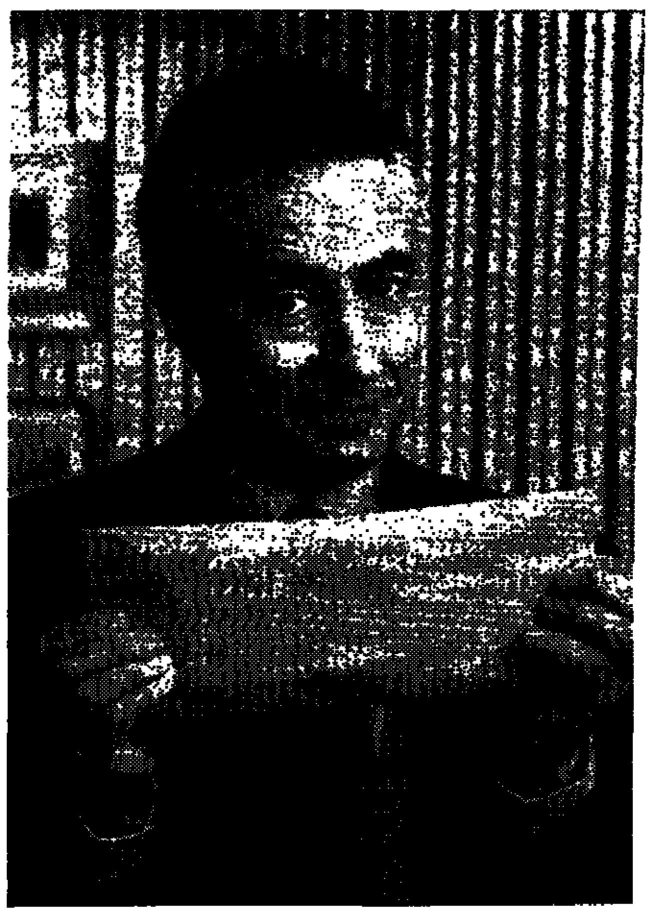

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'Natural history is as important to our heritage as paintings, machinery or anything else'

Museums seek new rules to halt export of fossils

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

AS FOSSILS become a multi-million-pound business, Britain is at risk of losing valuable specimens to wealthy museums abroad because the Government has failed to give them the same protection as works of art.

The Heritage Department admitted last week that it was no closer to bringing fossils within the law covering the export of works of art, despite a pledge by Iain Sproat, a Heritage Minister, a year ago. Consultations were going on but it was "not an easy problem", a spokesman said.

Today the finest fossils could match the prices of Impressionist paintings. "*Tyrannosaurus rex?*" says Philip Keith of Bonhams, the London salerooms. "I would think you'd be talking about $10 million. The skull alone would be worth $5 million." For the classic British dinosaur, *Iguanadon*, he quotes a possible £500,000.

For years museum curators have been asking for protection for valuable fossils. Mark Taylor, Director of the Museums Association, has said that excluding fossils and other items of natural history is absurd: "They are as important to this country's heritage as paintings, machinery or anything else."

The huge increase in fossils values has created opportunities for shady dealers. Last April thieves cut out a 120-million-year-old dinosaur footprint from a bed of sandstone on Natural Trust land on the Isle of Wight. Barry Field, the island's Tory MP, said this was an example of the "systematic plundering of fossil sites". Fossils have also disappeared from Scotland, North Yorkshire, the Isle of Skye and the Welsh coast. Many are of limited scientific or monetary value, though removing them from private land is a crime as they belong to the landowner.

Sproat: pledged to control foreign sale

Six years ago, the world's oldest fossil reptile, nicknamed Lizzie and discovered in a Scottish quarry, was saved only through the goodwill of a German museum which was to buy it for £170,000 from its finder.

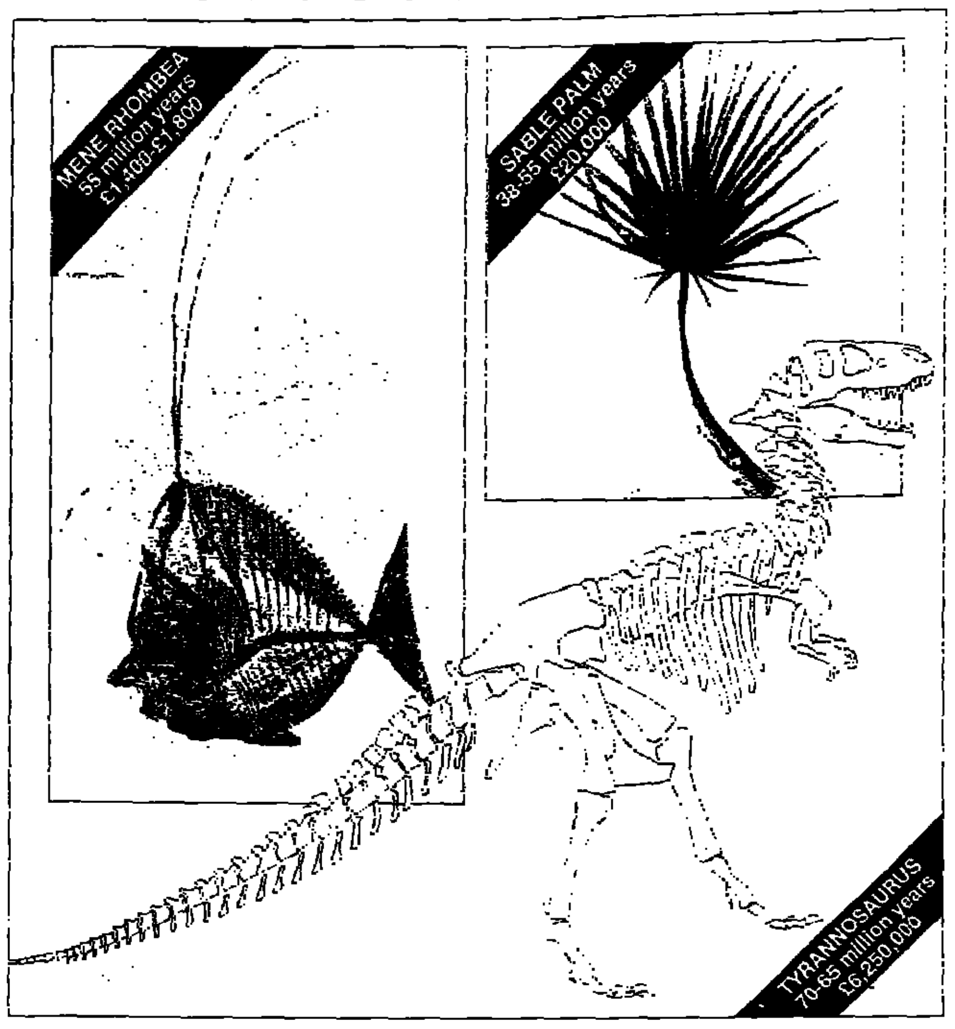
Stan Wood had permission to hunt from the local council, owners of the quarry in East Kirkton, Lothian, where he discovered Lizzie. It was only when he applied for export permission that it was realised that he need not have bothered, as the legislation did not cover fossils or any natural history specimens. The Stuttgart museum pulled out of the deal, enabling the Royal Museum of Scotland to match the price.

Dr Cocks says that any controls would have to distinguish between ordinary specimens and those as valuable as Lizzie. "Technically speaking a piece of coal is a fossil," he says, "so the legislation would have to set a monetary value, £10,000, £15,000 or £20,000, before a fossil qualified."

Unlike a work of art, he points out, most fossils are not unique. Museums who already have many examples of a particular fossil would have little interest in acquiring more. But Dr Cocks is grateful to the owners of a claypit in Dorking, Surrey, who gave the museum a valuable fossil of a carnivorous dinosaur, *Baryonyx walkeri*. He declines to put a value on this fossil, but points out that it took ten man-years of work at the museum to prepare and mount it.

"Much of the value of a specimen like this comes from the extra work of mounting it," he says. "It's like the difference between a rough-cut diamond and the final jewel."

Bonhams now holds biannual sales of fossils with items fetching from £200 to £30,000. On April 20 Mr Keith will be selling a private Italian collection of fossils from the Monte Bolca formation, near Verona. "It's a big collection, from a classic Italian site," he says. "The owner has decided to switch from fossils to Greek and Roman antiquities."



Both Dr Cocks and Mr Keith defend the collecting of fossils, many of which are found on the foreshore beneath crumbling cliffs, on land owned by nobody. "I'm not complacent about the situation," says Dr Cocks. "There have been unfortunate incidents where fossils have been taken without permission by foreign dealers. But far more are destroyed every year by the sea."

Shephard delegates action on troubled schools

By John O' Leary
Education Editor

THE Education Secretary has had to pass on responsibility for settling the fate of two schools in her constituency that may be taken over by government "hit squads".

Abbey Farm Middle School and Hockwold Primary School, in Gillian Shephard's South West Norfolk constituency, are among 32 schools found by inspectors to be failing their pupils. They have to convince ministers that their action plans will raise standards sufficiently to avoid becoming the first school handed over to an Education Association.

Mrs Shephard, who has the formal power to establish an association, bringing in experienced head teachers and businessmen to give a school a fresh start, has approved 17 action plans. But she disclosed last week that tougher action was being considered in a small number of schools.

The two Norfolk schools — one in and the other near Thetford — will have their action plans considered by Eric Forth, a junior Education Minister, so that there is no suggestion of a clash of interests for Mrs Shephard. The Education Secretary takes a close interest in schools in her constituency, and has both chaired the county education authority and worked for it.

Unusually, Abbey Farm called in the inspectors itself after the appointment of a new head teacher. The subsequent report found that standards were poor in almost all subjects, pupils showed a lack of respect for adults and there were incidents of bullying.

Dominic Cragoe, the head teacher, whose leadership was praised by the inspection team, said: "It was clear when I arrived a year ago that there were things that needed to be done that had been left for a long time. A full inspection was the only answer, and it has been painful but worth it."

Abbey Farm had been the subject of a critical report in 1991, and numbers had dropped substantially, partly as a result of families moving off the local council estate. But Mr Cragoe said recruitment was recovering.

The school's action plan, scrutinised by civil servants last week, included a review of teaching, measures to improve behaviour, and a commitment by the authority to provide experienced temporary teachers to cover for absences. The county had already seconded a deputy head teacher from another middle school to help implement the plan.

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The times a changin' on CD-Rom

By A Staff Reporter

BOB DYLAN'S 35-year career is to be depicted on an interactive CD-Rom — a computer program that includes sound and film — due out next week.

The 3D disk, costing nearly £50, features hours of songs, film footage, video montage, interviews and a compendium of lyrics from Dylan's 41 albums, tracing his story from the backwaters of Minnesota.

Dylan's record label, Columbia, believes the disk will attract a new generation, as well as exciting existing fans. It features an unreleased version of *House of the Rising Sun*, a rare performance of *Blowin' in the Wind* and drawings not seen before.

Leading architect blames Tories for London's decay

By Tim Jones

THE architect Sir Richard Rogers blames government policies for causing Londoners to lose faith in their city as a place where they can lead a healthy, secure and affordable life.

Delivering the Reith Lecture on BBC Radio 4 last night, Sir Richard said the abolition of Greater London Council by the Government was "a purely vindictive and politically motivated action" that had left London as the only European capital without an elected government authority.

"Londoners have no direct say in their city's affairs — no foil to counter the search for profit in the City," Sir Richard said. "And to this dire situation a new issue has been added. In environmental terms London is one of the dirtiest and least ecologically sustainable cities in Europe. With no elected representation for London, it is hard to see how citizens can safeguard the destiny of this city."

Sir Richard said that although transport lay at the heart of any strategy for making cities sustainable, London had no concerted transport policy. The capital's transport, he said, was dominated by the use of private cars, which was polluting the metropolis and undermining its communities. He called for road pricing to deter the use of cars, far more traffic-free zones, more bridges across the Thames and a far greater use of the river as a vital artery. It was time to stop the ever outward, antisocial growth of London.

He blamed government housing policies for undermining communities and said London had to break the bleak isolation of the hundreds of thousands of poor trapped within decaying housing estates. "The market favours out-of-town sites where land is cheap and developments are for single-function activities but specifically not for mixed neighbourhoods."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy found buried in sand

A missing boy was found dead by his father yards from his home yesterday. Stephen Playfoot, 12, had been digging in a sandy area near his home at Crockenhill, Kent, when it collapsed and partially buried him.

Stephen went missing on Saturday afternoon after saying that he was going off to play. His father organised a group of family and friends to look for him, and found his body half-buried in a marsh area yesterday. It seemed he had been digging a tunnel. Police believe that he may have died from exposure, trapped in the quicksand during the night. A post-mortem examination will be carried out today.

Girl attacked

A girl of ten was sexually assaulted after she was abducted from a street as she played with two friends at Ifield near Crawley, West Sussex. The man, thought to be in his 30s, drove to nearby woods and attacked her. He then dropped her in Crawley.

Lottery bonus

The National Lottery jackpot will be at least £12 million next weekend, the organisers said yesterday. The top prize of £8 million will be boosted by a £4 million "spring bonus". One ticket-holder won the weekend jackpot of £8,807,149.

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Softly, softly

Hampshire Police are starting a 30-month trial of an electric-powered vehicle which they say could be useful in approaching suspected criminals quietly.

Gas explosion

Raymond Seal, 36, a DIY enthusiast, died after a damaged gas pipe caused an explosion at his home in Chorleywood, Hertfordshire. Peter Sutton, 53, was seriously injured.

Funfair injuries

A funfair ride at the end of the Palace Pier in Brighton broke down and collapsed, injuring 12 people at the weekend. Safety inspectors were checking it yesterday.

Ale and farewell

Arundel Brewery, Sussex, has named an ale Gilks Bitter in honour of Police Constable Tony Gilks, 51, who is retiring after 30 years as a village policeman.

Shock survivor

Paul Davies, 25, survived an 11,000-volt electric shock after his car skidded on ice in Great Shefford, Berkshire, hit a telegraph pole and brought down an overheard power cable.

Tale in trust

Details of David Halliwell's work as butler at Nostell Priory, West Yorkshire, are to be put in a time capsule as part of the National Trust's centenary celebrations.

Warm ponds bring leap in green frogs

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

A SPECIES of imported frog which, for more than a century, has remained confined to a handful of ornamental ponds, has begun to colonise streams and rivers in southeast England.

The spread of the edible or green frog, a continental species, is being linked by scientists to a rise in pond temperatures in the region.

Studies of two ponds by biologists at Sussex University have found that temperatures have climbed markedly since the 1970s, shifting the breeding patterns of toads, newts and some frogs.

Dr Trevor Beebee of the university's school of biological sciences said: "Temperatures before the breeding period have increased steadily over the past 17 years. At one site the rise is 0.1C a year and at the other it is 0.2C."

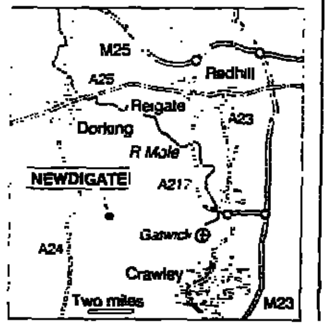
Dr Beebee said the rises were not a flash-in-the-pan. "It is clearly important to distinguish between the effects of an occasional hot summer and mild winter. What we are seeing here are relatively long-term trends."

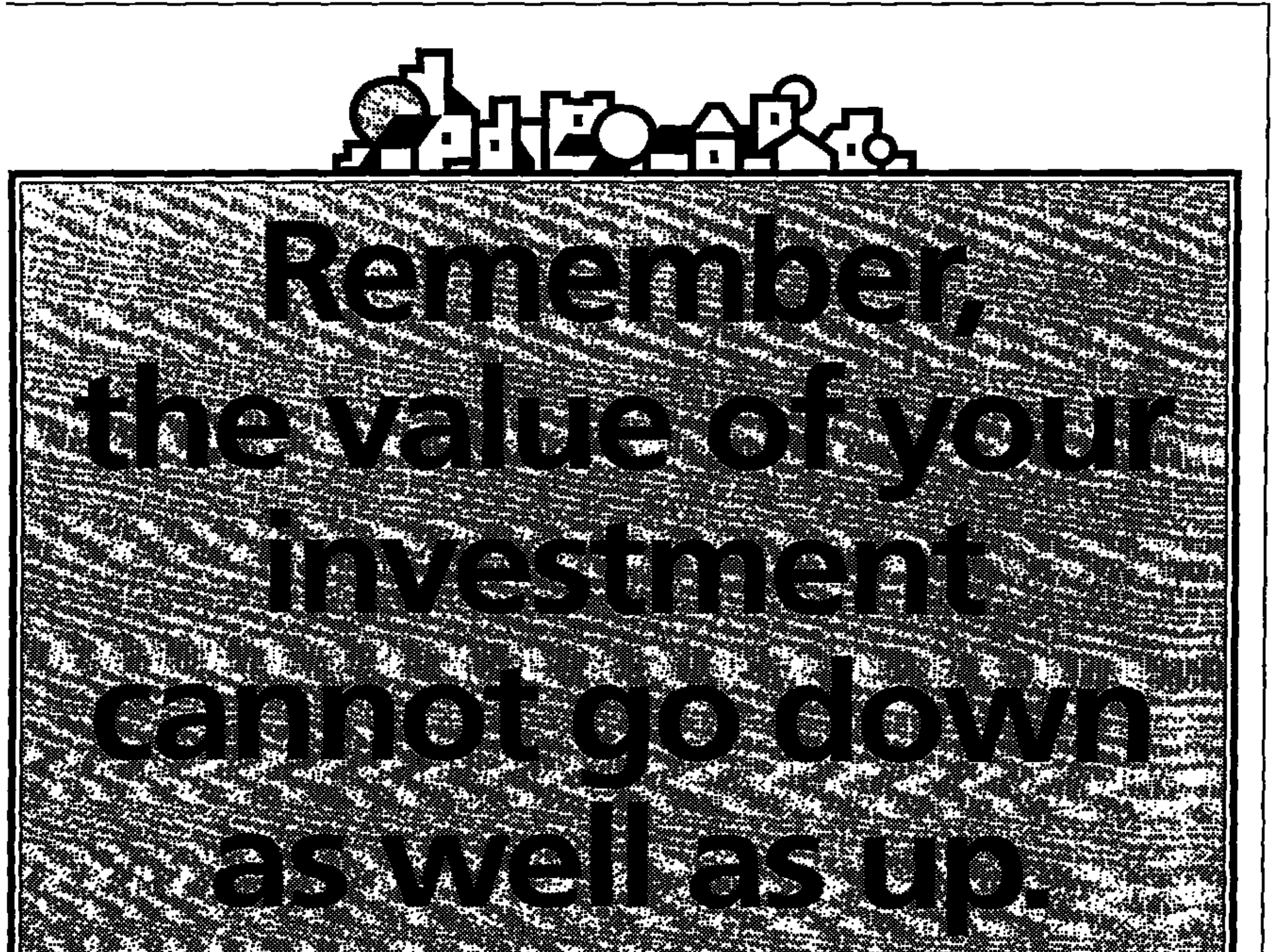
The studies show that the rare natterjack toad is breeding two weeks earlier and that Britain's three newt species are now breeding up to seven weeks earlier than nearly two decades ago.

"Newts, instead of arriving in early spring, are now arriving at the pond before Christmas," Dr Beebee said.

Edible frogs, which since being released here have previously found Britain too chilly to thrive, are now spawning in mid-May. They used to spawn in June.

The spread of the creatures has been monitored in Kent, Sussex and Surrey. Julia Wycherley, recorder of amphibians and reptiles at the trust, said that the focus of the expansion was Newdigate, south of Dorking, where the continental frogs were kept by nurserymen.

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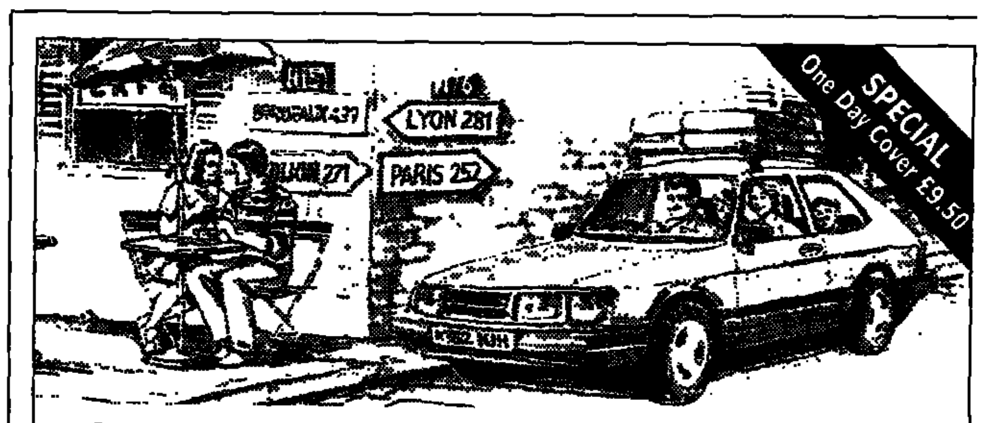

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Air inquiries start over standards of maintenance work

■ The third serious potentially fatal mistake in five years has spurred air safety officials into action, Harvey Elliott writes

TWO investigations into the maintenance of Britain's commercial airline fleet have been started by the Department of Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority amid concern over hangar safety standards.

Technical officials from all British airlines are being called to a meeting with the CAA at Gatwick later this month to discuss ways of preventing fatal mistakes by hard-pressed maintenance mechanics.

At the same time, inspectors from the Department of Transport's air accident investigation branch are calling for details of all mistakes made by maintenance engineers during the past five years, after a near disaster last month when a British Midland Boeing 737 came within minutes of running out of oil in both engines.

Only the swift action of the pilot in throttling back to reduce the pressure prevented all the engine oil leaking out. He managed to make an emergency landing at Luton.

The incident has so concerned the CAA that it is considering prosecuting the three maintenance engineers who, it is believed, inadvertently left off covers over inspection ports.

It was the third serious incident involving faulty maintenance in the past five years. In 1990 the pilot of a British Airways BAC 1-11 jet was sucked out of the cockpit after maintenance men had used the wrong bolts when replacing the main window. Only the swift action of other members of the crew in hanging on to his legs saved him.The co-pilot made an emergency landing. Earlier this year the air accident investigation branch at Farnborough reported that the pilot of an Excalibur Airbus A320 with 185 holidaymakers on board found he was unable to turn left after take-off from Gatwick because British Airways engineers had forgotten to reconnect control surfaces after overnight maintenance.

Many experts are questioning whether maintenance engineers are under so much pressure to get aircraft back into the air that they are making potentially disastrous mistakes.

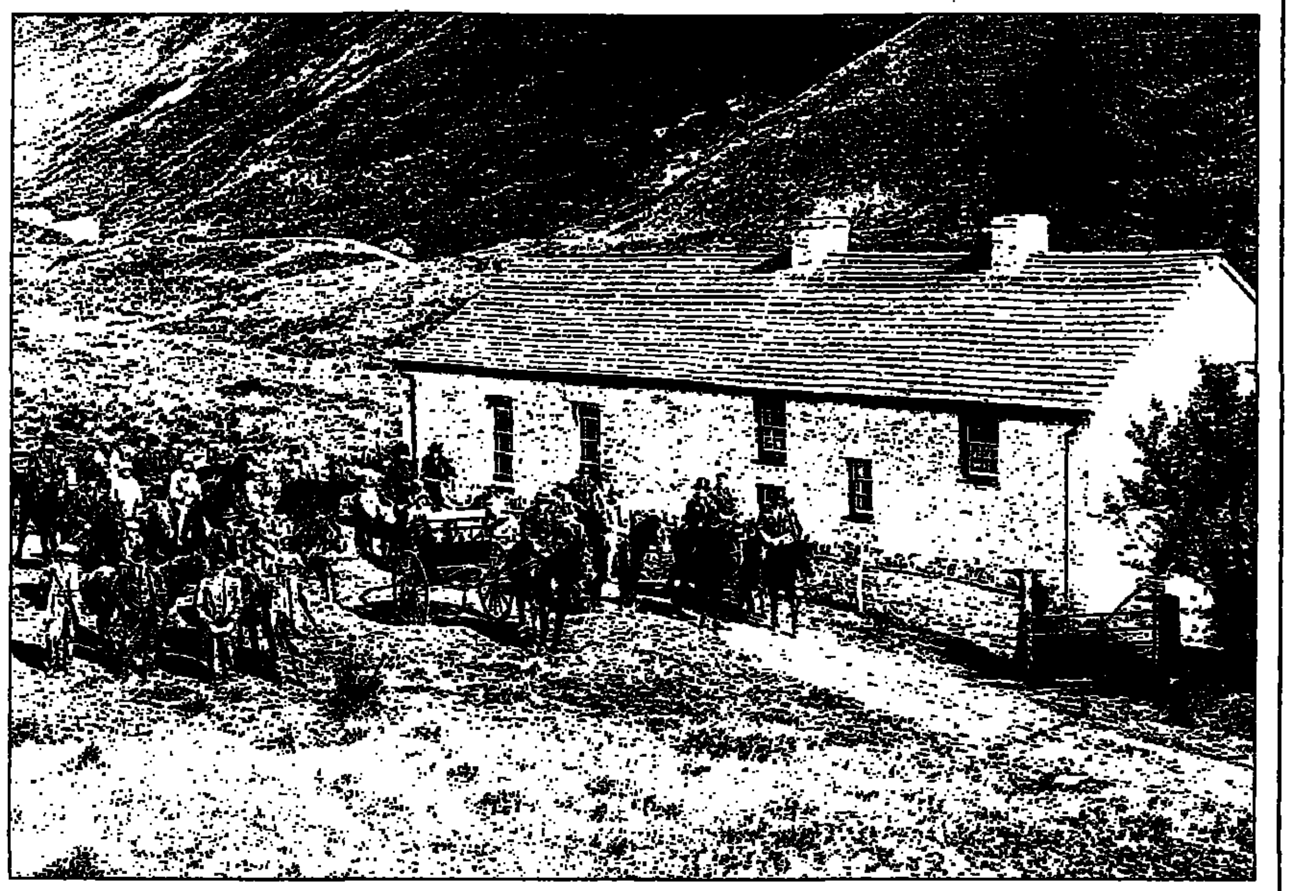
"The trouble is that although the flight deck is using the latest techniques, the maintenance is being carried out in almost 1950s style," one senior official said.

"We must look at the whole area of maintenance and find out what can be done to improve standards, eliminate bad procedures, introduce better high technology checks throughout the whole process and study the way the operating departments may try to put pressure on engineers to get aircraft back in service quickly."

In their report into the Excalibur incident, air accident investigators were critical of the way engineers had to work overnight when their "body-clock" was likely to be disrupted and of the pressures they could be under to complete a job on time. "There is a subtle but real pressure to deliver in the shortest possible time," they said. "There is a tendency to estimate unrealistically short times for the aircraft to be out of service to avoid flight cancellations and the engineering team may then have to renegotiate the return to service time just to accommodate the normal time to complete the work."

The concern has already been expressed with equal force in the United States, where the Federal Aviation Administration has ordered regular checks on airline operators to ensure that they are not taking any short cuts in safety procedures or maintenance work.

Now the CAA and the AAIB are determined to ensure that they maintain safety, even if it occasionally means late departures. As one safety expert said last night: "If anyone thinks that safety is costly, try having an accident."



Joyful welcome awaits chapel owner's family

A worldwide search has been started to trace the descendants of a Victorian landowner who could stand to inherit this disused Welsh chapel worth up to £100,000 (Tim Jones writes). Rees Nicholas leased the land for a church to be built in the tiny village of Trecastle, Powys, in 1849 for 999 years. He stipulated that it would revert to his family if people stopped using it as a place of worship. In 1929 they were still arriving by horsepower, above, but two years ago the seven families who used to attend the Soar Congregational Church could not meet rising repair bills and moved to another chapel. Now, Howard Llewellyn, who practises in Brecon, is asking for descendants to come forward within a month, otherwise the church may be sold to the highest bidder. The building has views over unspoilt countryside on the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park.

Hospitals in fight to contain bacterium

By Kathryn Knight

HOSPITALS in the South East are taking emergency measures to control a drug-resistant bacterium that attacks the sick and elderly.

At Southend Hospital in Essex, nurses are being trained in barrier nursing approaches, treating patients in isolation, after about 30 patients contracted methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus, known as MRSA. The bacterium is transferred through open wounds and leads to fever-like symptoms. It can cause pneumonia and septicaemia, with the elderly particularly vulnerable.

Last year, at least 60 people died in West Midlands hospitals over a three-month period after contracting the bacterium. Ros Mortis, a spokeswoman for Southend Hospital, confirmed that the current strain of MRSA was affecting about 130 hospitals across the country but said it was not in itself likely to cause death.

"There is an epidemic at the moment, particularly in the southeast area. The problem is that MRSA is resistant to antibiotics, and this particular strain is very tenacious and stubborn."

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Benign tumours of a rare design

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Although he is in his mid-sixties, David Hicks's career as an international designer continues as fruitfully as ever. Like Pugin, Mr Hicks will design everything, from the plans of the house and garden, to its furniture, its cutlery and even the tiara for the woman of the house.

People who have met Mr Hicks recently have expressed concern about the soft tumours that have been growing in his neck, throat and shoulders and which are now spreading to his face in front of his ears. Their anxiety is misplaced, for Mr Hicks is suffering from Madelung's disease, a benign condition so rare that if ever his design business failed he could make a reasonable income parading himself as a subject for medical exams.

In Madelung's disease there is a concentration of lipomata — fatty tumours — around the head and neck. It is the number of the tumours and their position that makes Madelung's disease rare, for scattered, circumscribed lipoma are among the most common of all tumours, but are usually found on the shoulders, back and abdomen.

Otto Madelung, after whom the disease is named, was a Strasbourg surgeon who died in 1926. He was of the opinion, almost certainly mistakenly, that there was an association between the disease and beer drinking, and that it had become progressively less common in the 20th century because beer wasn't what it used to be. Mr Hicks has never been a heavy beer drinker.

The commonly found lipoma appears as a circumscribed collection of fat beneath the skin; it is painless and has a definite edge but when kneaded feels fluid. Lipomata contain little fibrous tissue, but if they do they are much firmer and are referred to as fibro-lipomata. The skin overlying the tumour is occasionally heavily veined; these are called naevo-lipomata. One sight where lipomata can be a nuisance is the ankles: middle-aged women occasionally develop fatty tumours either side of their ankle bones, which without surgery makes shoe-buying a problem. Lipomata can grow in the intestines and are an infrequent cause of benign tumours of the colon.

As lipomata are only very rarely pre-malignant, no treatment is recommended other than for cosmetic reasons.

When sarcomatous change does occur it is usually in a lipoma on the thighs. A few years ago, having some vague recollection of being taught this and being surprised that the distinguished chairman of a large company was happy to accept other advice and keep a huge and unsightly lipoma on his bottom, I bullied him into having it removed.

To all of our amazements it was malignant and the patient needed extensive surgery. He was everlastingly grateful and always wrongly dismissed as false modesty my protestations that my advice was more determined by aesthetic considerations than from great knowledge of surgical pathology.

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New tenants put on probation at drug-ridden estate

By Ian Murray, community correspondent

TENANTS moving into a housing estate with a reputation for drugs, burglary and violence are being put on six months' "probation" in a pioneering scheme designed to cut crime in problem areas.

The scheme is being tried at the request of the residents on the Monsall estate in inner Manchester. Built in the 1960s, its stairwells, walkways and alleys became a haven for drug dealers and petty criminals and good tenants were frightened into leaving. Three years ago, after the residents led an appeal for aid, £17 million was spent renovating the estate.

"It was a vicious circle," said Rose McCarton, 49, who moved to the estate in 1968 and now chairs the steering group partnership which is trying to rescue it. "The only people interested in coming to live here were transient families who didn't stay long enough to contribute anything except noise and anti-social behaviour. After six to ten weeks they'd leave, the property would be attacked by vandals and the damage seemed to fester and spread further and further out."

Mrs McCarton's son became a drug addict, her marriage broke up but she was determined to fight for the estate. "We have lived through some very difficult times but I have always had a positive outlook. We have to make sure that people moving here are prepared to form part of our community."

The first probationary family moves in this morning. Ten more tenants arrive this month and the whole scheme will eventually cover 53 homes.

If the occupants cause trouble, hold rowdy parties and generally fail to be good neighbours over the next six months they know they will be evicted. Because they will be deemed to have deliberately made themselves homeless, they will not be able to rejoin Manchester's 20,000-long housing list.

"This is the single most popular thing we have done on the estate," David Lunts, the city's housing committee chairman, said. "The residents there are all overjoyed. There are a good many people who live there and have a positive view about the estate. These people deserve to be listened to and if they say there is a need to crack down on the villains we should listen."

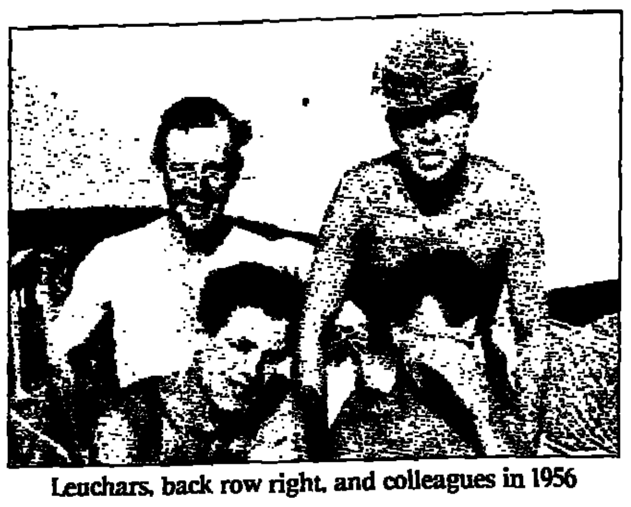
Because councils are unable to issue short leases, the experiment can go ahead only in properties on the estate owned by the North British Housing Association. "Since 1980 the council has had to grant security of tenure to every tenant and there is no way we can get rid of a troublemaker easily," Mr Lunts said. "If this scheme works I am reasonably optimistic there may be a change in the law."

CHRIS LOUFTE

John Leuchars, who has built the island's library

Atom-test veteran returns to help Pacific islanders

By Tim Jones


Leuchars, back row right, and colleagues in 1956

A FORMER serviceman has spent his life savings building a library on Christmas Island in the Pacific to atone for the guilt he felt when he saw the legacy of the former British military presence.

John Leuchars, 57, is also convinced that inhabitants of the island, part of the Republic of Kiribati, are still suffering the effects of atomic bomb tests carried out during the 1950s. Mr Leuchars, of Bury, Greater Manchester, said he felt ashamed to see burnt-out military equipment still spoiling the island when he visited it last year. "I was shocked by the state in which we had left the island so when the local people told me they needed a library I decided to do something about it."

He returned to spend three months using his skills as a contract worker to convert an old army officers' mess into a library. While carrying out the work almost single-handed he lived in a straw shelter without walls, built for him by islanders. His proudest moment came last month when Willie Tokataake, the island's education minister, performed the opening ceremony.

Most of the books for the library have been donated by the Radcliffe and Bury libraries, which also gave him a crash course in how to catalogue books so he could pass on the knowledge to an islander.

Mr Leuchars has also collected more than 1,000 pairs of spectacles to help islanders who suffer from eyesight problems, and helped to raise money for the Christmas Island Fund by placing an advertisement in the Ex-Nuclear VETS magazine offering coconuts from the island or their name carved on a tree for about £13.

Ministers have invited Mr Leuchars and his wife Dorothy to return to the island as guests of honour for the annual independence day parade. However, with his savings spent, he fears he will be unable to make the journey.

Buses point cameras at the street in crime fight

By Stewart Tendler
Crime correspondent

SPY cameras are to be fitted to London buses to catch rogue motorists and give police a new weapon against crime on the streets. The idea could spread to other British cities as the Government encourages greater use of surveillance cameras.

Proposed by Derek Turner, the Director of London Traffic, the first cameras are to be tested on London bus routes in July. London Transport has confirmed the tests and said further trials would take place next winter as LT, the police and the Home Office examine the best camera system.

Some LT buses already have camera systems on board, but these are used only to film inside the bus to protect the driver and passengers from attack. Now LT and the police are looking at ways of combining bus cameras with the idea of the static cameras already used to catch motorists speeding or going through red lights.

Scotland Yard has given its approval to the plan and Paul Manning, the assistant commissioner with responsibility for traffic policy, has been involved in discussions with London Transport.

CS spray could be added to police kit

By Our Crime
Correspondent

POLICE officers could soon be issued with individual CS gas sprays for protection against knife or gun attacks.

Home Office tests have been done in the past few weeks with help from the Army, according to police sources. The gas has been put forward as an alternative to pepper sprays, which attract wide support from junior ranks although there are doubts about medical effects.

Senior officers are reported to be divided over the choice. A decision on whether to allow chief constables to buy and issue either the pepper or the CS sprays could be taken in the next few weeks. Michael Howard, the Home Secret-- may warn police that either spray could be dangerous and leave chief officers to decide whether to take the risk.

Police have argued that officers need a non-lethal weapon to combat an increasing number of attacks with guns and knives. They say that if nothing is issued there will be an inexorable slide towards a fully armed police service.

Canisters of CS gas are held by mainland police forces but have been used only once, at the Toxteth riots in 1981.

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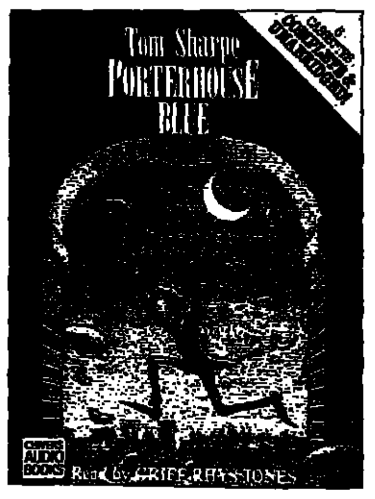

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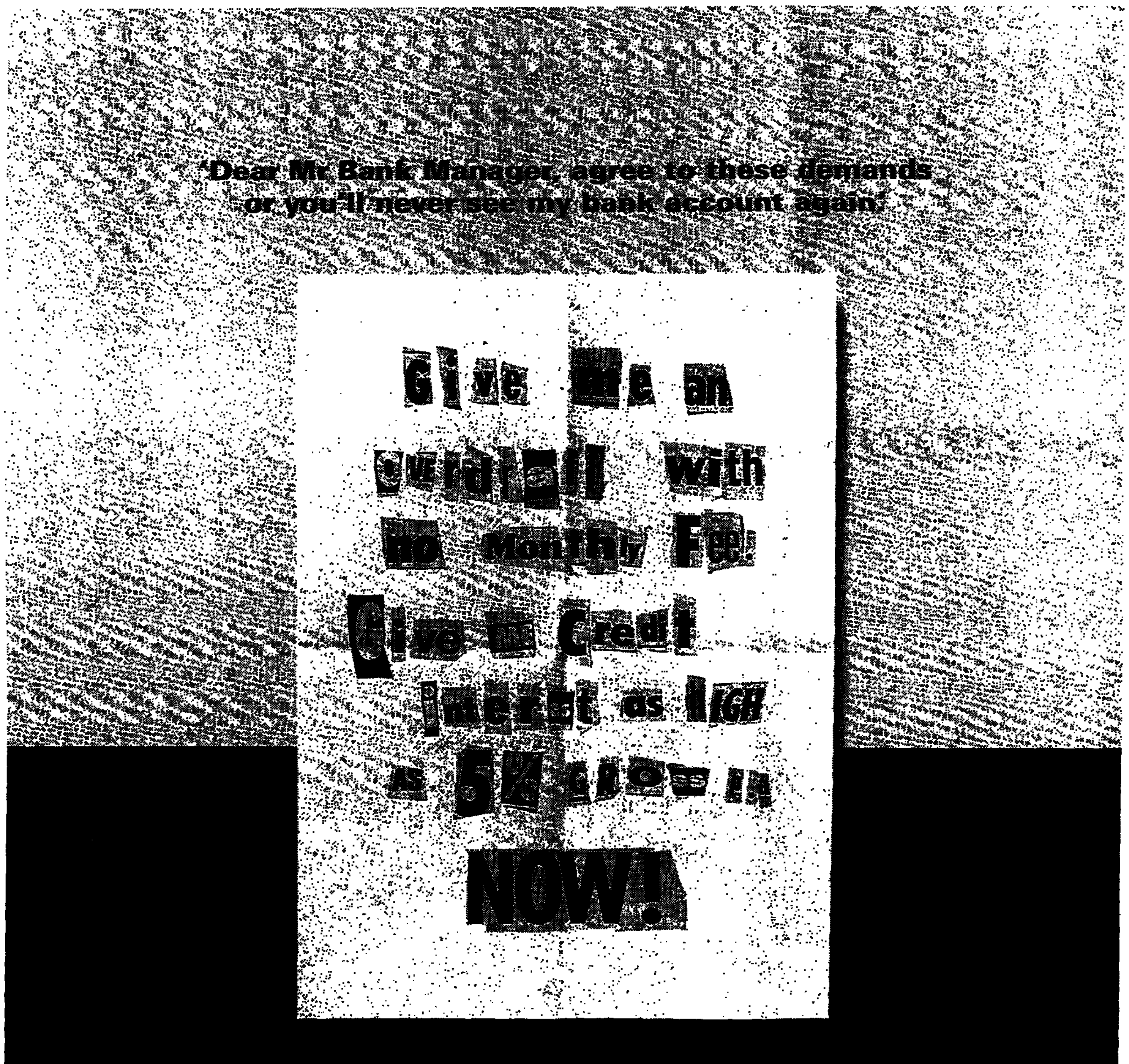

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We can build a moral order

agenda

In this extract from his new book, Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi, looks forward to the rediscovery of mutual responsibility. A second extract appears tomorrow

The story of the late 20th century is one of the displacement of the community by the State and hence of the replacement of morality by politics. That is why our moral agenda has changed. Our concerns — with inequality and injustice, war and famine and ecology — go deep. But these are issues to be addressed to Governments. We are willing to make sacrifices on their behalf. We join protests, sign petitions, send donations. But these are large-scale and for the most part impersonal problems. They have relatively little to do with what morality was traditionally largely about: the day-to-day conduct between neighbours and strangers, what Martin Buber called the "I-and-Thou" dimension of our lives. Instead, in our personal relationships we believe in autonomy, the right to live our lives as we choose.

A profound political change took place in the 1980s. It surfaced as *Thatcherism in Britain, Reaganomics in the United States, and most significantly* in the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe. It was as if the realisation had dawned in many countries simultaneously that what had once been a solution — the hyperactive State — had now become a problem. The pursuit of equality interfered with liberty. State intervention inhibited economic growth. High taxation thwarted enterprise. Collective spending was less satisfactory all round than individual spending. The Government should do this and take less, the individual should do and keep more. It was one of those swings of the pendulum that occurs periodically in human affairs, from centralism to localism or vice versa. But what has become increasingly clear in the 1990s is that *the "State" and the "individual" are not two opposed forces*. They belong to one another. They are twins. Without the modern State the modern individual could not have come into being. They have grown together like ivy against a tree.

The modern individual is defined by his or her independence from long-term commitments to the past or the future. Authority is not vested in the past, in the form of parents or traditions or communities of belonging. Even Philip Larkin's wonderfully embarrassed description of mid-20th century religious awe — "Hatless, I take off my cycle-clips in awkward reverence" — is too pious for us now. Nor are we comfortable with the idea of personal responsibility towards an open-ended future. Marriage and parenthood have become contractual and conditional rather than 'till death do us part'. Individualism of this order could not have existed without a powerful and all-present State. Collectivism and individualism, though they seem opposed, are two sides of the same coin. The responsibilities shouldered by the one give the other the freedom to be what it is.

The eclipse of collectivism and the retreating tide of the State form our foreseeable political future. On this, parties on both the Left and Right of the political spectrum currently agree. And just as *people of moral conviction welcomed the advancing State* as an answer to deep social injustices, so they can see in its subsequent retreat other moral gains. The Judaeo-Christian tradition places great weight on individual responsibility and liberty. Government is necessary, but the less the better. That is the consistent message from Samuel to the last of the prophets. The more responsibility we delegate away, the less we are called on to act as the image of God, shaping our world individually by His will. Virtue is greater for being uncoerced. Better the good deeds that grow from below than those which are imposed from above.

What, though, has now become clear is that political change has moved far in advance of moral change. The tree has been removed, leaving the ivy unsupported. We have abandoned collectivism but not yet the individualism which was its symbiotic partner. As the State withdraws part of its protective shelter, many people find themselves suddenly exposed. Single-parent families, the unemployed, inhabitants of inner-city ghettos and others become the casualties. It is, and will continue to be, a traumatic experience whose pain only the most heartless can ignore.

A world in which, in many *areas where we had grown used to seeing it, the State is* not there, will be one in which we will have to relearn many of the moral habits which came so naturally to our ancestors but have come to seem strange to us. We will have to rebuild families and communities and voluntary organisations. We will come to depend more on networks of kinship and friendship. And we will rapidly discover that their very existence depends on what we give as well as what we take, on our willingness to shoulder duties, responsibilities and commitments as well as claiming freedoms and rights. The "I-It" relationship of taxation and benefit will increasingly be replaced by the "I-Thou" of fellowship and community. And we may well come to see that the eclipse of personal morality, which dominated the consciousness of a generation, was a strange and passing phase in human affairs, and not the permanent revolution many thought it to be.

If so, I welcome the future. For it promises to restore to human relationships the compassion and grace, the mutuality and faithfulness, which the Hebrew Bible saw as a lasting ideal — more than that, as the way we bring the divine presence into our lives. The unattached society of the past 30 years has been one of unparalleled personal freedoms. But it has also been one of growing incivility and aggression, of exploitation and manipulation, of temporary alliances rather than enduring loyalties, of quick pleasures over lasting happiness. It has been, quite simply, immature. So long as someone was there — the omnipresent State — to pick us up when we fell, it was overwhelmingly seductive. But it has become dysfunctional and cannot be sustained.

Morality matters. Not because we seek to be judgmental or self-righteous or pious. Not because we fondly recall a golden age that never was, the world of Jane Austen perhaps, when men were chivalrous, women decorous, sin discreet and all ranks of society knew their place. It matters not because we are fundamentalists, convinced that we alone possess the moral certainties which form the architecture of virtue. Nor is it because we wish to relieve ourselves of responsibility for the pain, suffering and injustices of the world by blaming them on the victims who made the wrong choices. It matters not because we wish to impose a tidy-minded order on the chaos of human imagination and experiment, nor because we are ignorant of *autre temps, autre meures* and of the fact that ours is not the only way people have chosen to live.

Morality matters because we cherish relationships and believe that love, friendship, work and even the casual encounter of strangers are less fragile and abrasive when conducted against a shared code of civility and mutuality. It matters because we care for liberty and have come to understand that human dignity is better served by the restraints we impose on ourselves than those forced upon us by external laws and punishment and police. It matters because we fear the impoverishment of significant groups within society when the only sources of value are material: success and wealth and physical attractiveness. In most societies — certainly ours — these are too unevenly distributed to be an adequate basis of self-worth.

Morality matters because we believe that there are other and more human ways of living than instinctual gratification tempered by regret. It matters because we believe that some projects — love, marriage, parenthood — are so central to our being that we seek to endow them with a much permanence as is given to us in this unpredictable and transitory life. It matters because we may not abdicate our responsibility for those we brought into being, by failing to provide them with a stable, caring environment within which to grow to maturity. It matters because we believe there are other routes out of the Hobbesian state of nature — the war of all against all — than by creating a Leviathan of a State. It matters because as long as humanity has thought about such things, we have recognised that there are achievements we cannot reach without the collaborative bonds of civil society and the virtues which alone make such a society possible.

Morality matters, finally, because despite all fashionable opinion to the contrary, we remain moved by altruism. We are touched by other people's pain. We feel enlarged by doing good, more so perhaps than by doing *well*, by material success. Decency, charity, compassion, integrity, faithfulness, courage, just being there for other people, matter to us. They matter to us despite the fact that we may now find it hard to say *why* they matter to us. They matter to us because we are human and because, in the words of Sir Moses Montefiore, we are worth what we are willing to share with others. These truths, undervalued for a generation, are about to become vital again: and not a moment too soon.

Dr Jonathan Sacks's new book Faith in the Future *is published by Darton, Longman & Todd (£11.95)*

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Why society needs the family

Because not all of us would arrive at laws by our own reflection, and because they must be handed on to the young before they reach the age of reflection, society depends on its mechanisms of moral transmission being in good order. That involves general consent to certain laws as expressions of the collective good. It involves the family as what sociologists call the agent of primary socialisation. And it involves a role for schools, voluntary associatons and local communities. Without these, the process of moral transmission will fail, and many things besides law and order will begin to disintegrate.

What has happened — and it is the single most important thing about our social environment — is that these structures have very largely broken down. It is a story in two chapters. The first belongs to the history of ideas, from Kant to Nietzsche and John Stuart Mill. The second belongs to sociology and to that period in the 1960s and 1970s when ideas that had been circulating among an elite for over a century became lived reality for a whole generation. Today we live with the consequences, some good, others little short of disastrous.

We no longer believe in an objective moral order. Instead we think of the good as something to be pursued individually rather than sought collectively. Education is no longer seen as the indication of the young into the rules and virtues of society. Rather, it has become a way of helping children make private choices as individuals. Above all, we are in danger of witnessing the end of the family as a stable and persisting unit through which future generations are nurtured and internalise the rules we have so painfully arrived at on our collective journey through history. If one of the consequences has been a rise in crime among the young, *how could it be otherwise*, since we send them so few clear moral signs and are dismantling the one structure — the family — within which we can effectively do so?

I am not laying the blame for the rise in crime on the breakdown of the family, still less on one-parent families. Instead I am suggesting that a complex set of interlocking processes has taken place in which the breakdown of the family has been both a consequence and an accelerating cause. I am reminded of the question which, according to the Talmud *(Berakhot 32a)*, Moses asked God: given such a background, what should Your children have done *not* to sin?

When one in four children is born outside marriage, when one child in three grows up without a father, when four marriages in ten end in divorce, when the very concept of parental responsibility is seen as an affront to women's right to pursue careers and men's right to pursue their inclinations, when the responsibility for socialising and controlling children has been abdicated in favour of the State in the form of schools, councils and the police, what shall some children do not to turn to crime?

There are certain things that, as individuals, we cannot change. We cannot single-handedly end unemployment, or bring world peace. But we *can* affect our children. Over them we have an influence greater than any pop star or politician. And a greater responsibility, because it was we who brought them into being. We severally took the family to pieces, and severally we can put it back together again.

A society in which the whole burden of law and order is placed on the police, the law courts and Parliament is unsustainable. It cannot be done, nor should we wish it to be done. If we believe in personal moral responsibility, then we believe that a law-abiding society is created by the habits of self-restraint, cultivated in early childhood and reinforced thereafter by the moral signals we send. To put it simply: every law enforced in the heart means one less policeman on the street.

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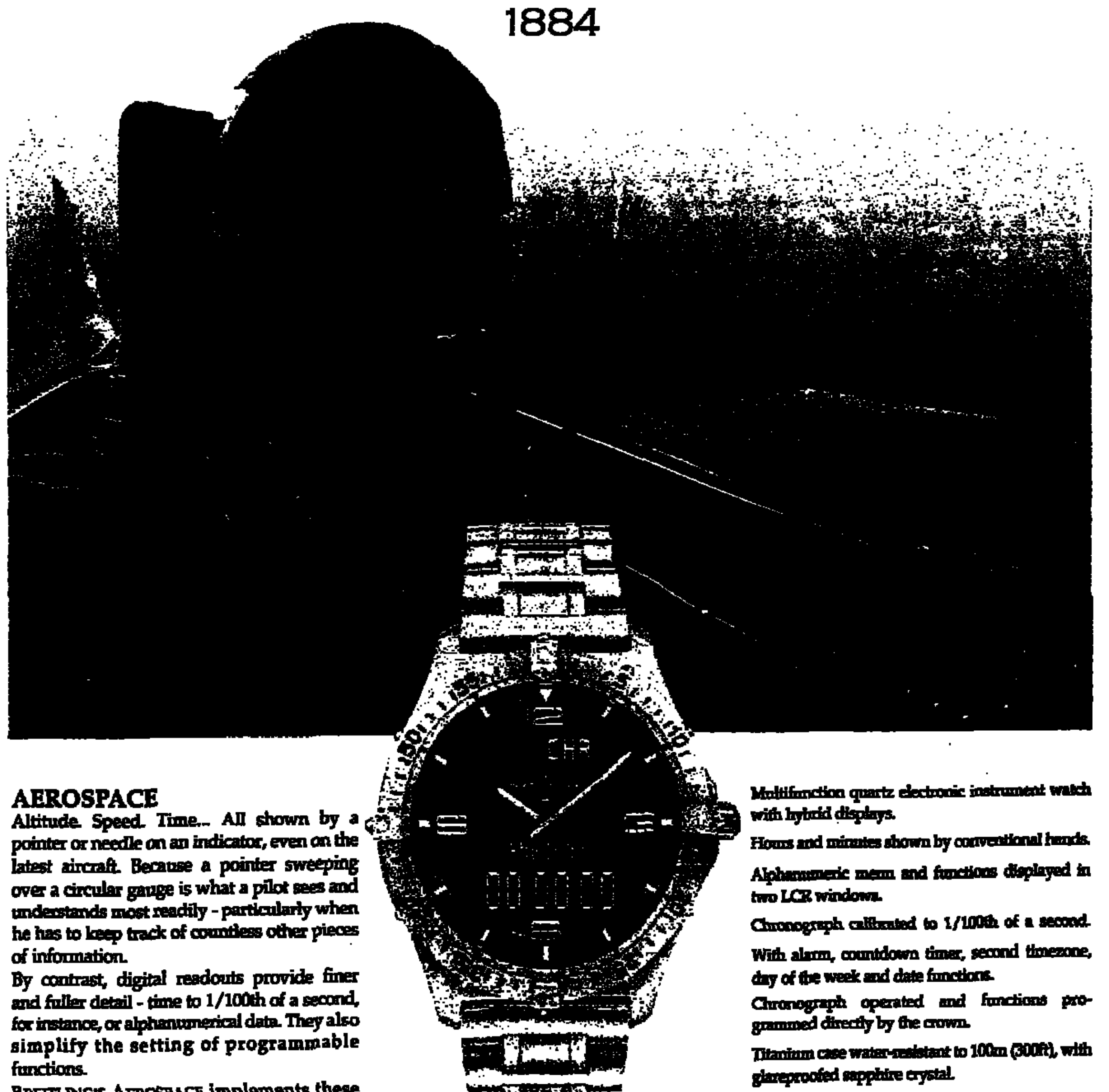

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INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

Plight of the poor worsens as recession forces West to reduce Third World aid

UN seeks to break fetters enslaving destitute women

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE IN OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO

A SCRAP of humanity lay on a torn black plastic sheet in a fly-blown room in sub-Saharan Africa at the weekend, a few hours after being born into a life of desperate poverty.

His young mother, who already had five other children, lay alongside. She cannot read or write and does not know how old she is.

The infant lay strangely quiet in the stifling heat — probably already malnourished because his mother is not properly fed. Yet he is probably luckier than his future brothers and sisters, because his mother at least had medical help for the difficult birth at an aid-funded clinic in the remote town of Bla in Mali.

A crucial part of the clinic's funding comes from the European Development Fund. But two of the fund's donors, Britain and Germany, last month announced they would make severe cuts in their contributions from 1998.

The young mother and her newborn personify many of the problems at the heart of the United Nations social summit opening in Copenhagen today. The meeting of more than 120 national leaders aims to focus world attention on how to help the world's poor. It is a question laden with ethical as well as practical difficulties. Economic recession has made industrial countries meaner about how much help they give the poor, and unrest in the former Soviet republics, Russia and Bosnia, has drawn attention away from the world's most destitute people in Africa and Asia.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

The so-called peace dividend — the money theoretically saved in the cutback in the arms race since the end of the Cold War — has also failed so far to touch their lives.

What has affected people in West Africa has been the dumping until recently of surplus beef from the European Union. The beef mountain may be a big irritant to European farmers, but it is a catastrophe for the already precarious livelihoods of African cattle producers.

There are also big questions about how aid should be given. Many poor countries admit they share at least some of the blame for their plight, for the inefficient handling of their economies and corruption by some post-colonial leaders who creamed off much foreign aid and investment.

The mother and child at the Bla clinic personify these problems because they represent the realities of the tasks facing the UN summit.

Ignorance is arguably the single biggest obstacle to the advancement of poor nations. Yet many men in rural societies, such as those in Mali and Burkina Faso want their women to stay illiterate and almost permanently pregnant in the belief that this ensures their fidelity.

Family planning faces delicate cultural hurdles. When President Konaré of Mali backed condom advertisement on television there was uproar from sections of the Muslim majority in the country.

World Bank research indicates that investing in girls' education may provide the highest return on any investment in developing countries. Educated women earn higher wages and have fewer children, drastically reducing mortality rates. Yet fewer than 20 per cent of Malians go to school, and probably only 13 per cent of girls.

Desperate poverty stalks many African nations. The UN summit opening in Copenhagen today aims to focus attention on helping them

In Burkina Faso, adult literacy is the lowest in the world. One reality of these figures is that women do not understand why they should use water pumps installed by aid agencies instead of the disease-ridden open water often closer to hand. Furthermore, 60 per cent of the pumps in Burkina Faso do not even work, according to the United Nations Children's Fund.

In the bleak wind-swept Malian interior where trees have been cut down for fuel, and the desert wind blows away any chance for most plants to grow, life for women borders on the cruel.

Diarra Kadiatou is typical. She rises at 4am, walks five miles to fetch water, makes a tasteless meal of maize and oil, washes her children, and cleans her mud-brick home. She works in the fields from 6am to 4 or 5pm. The men break at noon for an hour or two, but she treks home to make more food. In the evening when the men sit around, she grinds more maize. Her greatest desire in life, and she grins just thinking about it, is to own a tie-dye T-shirt. She once saw one on a battery-powered television.

In Burkina Faso, millions of women exist in the same slave-like way. Burkina's national anthem is entitled *Contre la Férule Humiliante* — Against the Shameful Fetters. Most aid agencies, the World Bank and the UN, believe that educating women and relieving them of their fetters would go a long way to achieving the social summit's aims.

☐ **New York:** Sixteen employees of Unicef's Kenya office have been suspended on suspicion of fraud or mismanagement. *(Reuter)*

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Unrealistic goal of eradicating poverty flaws the conference

BY ROSEMARY RIGHTER

COMMENTARY

THE AIM of the Copenhagen summit is to address a "social and moral crisis ... of immense proportions", according to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General.

He argues that a "conceptual breakthrough" is needed to arrest the "unravelling" of societies across the globe, in the face of mass unemployment and underemployment, growing inequalities and the crushing poverty in which more than a billion people live.

The draft declaration to be endorsed by world leaders acknowledges extraordinary progress over the past 50 years. Global wealth has increased sevenfold, trade has increased even faster; life expectancy has increased, largely thanks to expanded access to basic healthcare, and so has literacy. More recently, in the past decade, there has also been a growth of democratic institutions, accountable government and respect for basic civil liberties.

The UN's case is that far too many people, excluded from these gains, live without jobs, the most basic necessities, or hope. This, the conference organisers claim, will get worse unless each government not only commits itself this week "to the goal of eradicating poverty in the world", but comes up by next year with policies for poverty elimination, job creation and "social integration" to match, complete with target dates. The persistence of widespread extreme poverty is undoubted. But the declaration not only sets manifestly unrealistic targets; it begs a lot of questions about what it means by "unspeakable poverty", the nature of the unemployment problem, and the goal of narrowing inequalities. Nor does it clearly demonstrate that these problems are, as a proportion of the world's population, getting worse.

Western aid agencies have criticised the conference as an empty talking shop, and a few, including Save the Children, have decided to boycott it. Oxfam criticised the European Union for failing to agree a common position on aid policy.

The classic definition of "absolute poverty" was provided in 1973 by Robert McNamara, then the President of the World Bank, as "a condition of life so degraded by disease, illiteracy, malnutrition and squalor, as to deny its victims basic human necessities", a condition "so limited as to prevent the realisation of the potential of the genes with which one was born."

That condition still applies to hundreds of millions. Although anti-poverty programmes are notoriously difficult to implement — most reach the poor, but not the "absolutely poor" — it is obviously worth attempting more imaginative, carefully targetted strategies to improve access to such basics as safe drinking water, basic education and primary healthcare, and to help people help themselves through land reform, plots for housing and improved access to small credit schemes and family planning.

But the Copenhagen definition is far wider: it includes limited access to education rather than none, social discrimination, inadequate housing, lack of access to information, low wages, and exposure to crime. The definition also includes in the 1.3 billion people it puts within this bracket millions of city-dwellers in industrialised countries. To spread the net so wide reduces the prospects of a focused attack on the evil of absolute, as opposed to relative, poverty, which would concentrate on removing the obstacles faced by the desperately poor.

The UN's unemployment dossier is similarly flawed, beginning with the claim that there are 2.8 billion people in the global labour force. That would be half the world's population — a statistical impossibility given, the huge proportion of under-15s in countries with high population growth, coupled with longer life expectancies. (The World Bank's estimate, still probably too high, is half a billion lower.)

The Copenhagen declaration requires governments to commit themselves to "the goal of full employment as a basic priority". None of the demands will be legally binding on any government. The UN hopes that some may change their thinking. It would have been prudent to define the terms of the Copenhagen debate more precisely.

Save the Children programmes have relieved hunger in such poor states as Somalia

Rasmussen: leading a comfortable nation

Hardship rare for the hard-up

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

WITH a gross national product of £18,360 per capita, compared with Kenya's £130, Denmark cannot be said to know poverty, although the odd pathetic bag lady can occasionally be seen padding disconsolately around Copenhagen city centre late at night. In Portugal, the poorest nation in the European Union, every fourth citizen earns less than half of the country's average annual income; in Denmark the corresponding figure is well below 5 per cent.

The country does have about 13,000 homeless, but virtually all of them are or can be lodged in hostels.

A recent report carried out for the Government of Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the Prime Minister, said that up to 200,000 Danes could be classed as poor, meaning that they are forced to eschew such luxuries as regular dental treatment, visits to the hairdresser and shoe repairs, but that nobody starves. It added that the vast majority of Danes have telephones, television, their own car and top class medical care.

Slums amid super-rich luxury divide new India

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA has produced a crop of economic myths. They include: it is an emerging Asian tiger, the middle class is as big as America's, the poor are better off because of economic reforms, poverty is easing.

The reforms, started in 1991, stalled fully 18 months ago because of popular resistance. Most poor people are worse off than four years ago, the true middle class is tiny and economic growth is respectable but unremarkable. For all the drooling of the world's salesmen, no economic miracles are about to happen. There is no explosion in consumer spending: the slums are not emptying.

Per capita income is stuck at about £200 a year. The United Nations Children's Fund says 250 million people are malnourished and 9 per cent of children are severely under-nourished. That is despite 400,000 "fair price" shops for the poor, the introduction of free school meals in some states and impressive increases in food production. For the third of the nation living in poverty, the cost of eating is still too high.

The so-called middle class would be defined as poor in the West. A salary of £5,000 a year is exotic and a family earning a combined £20,000 belongs to the richest 1 or 2 per cent. Prices of food and other basics have jumped because of subsidy cuts under the reform programme, leaving the poor poorer and families on middle incomes struggling.

It is a myth that India is cheap. Petrol is more expensive than in Britain, house rents are higher in better areas of Delhi than in central London, electricity is prohibitive and telephone calls are among the world's most expensive. Middle-income families own a bicycle or scooter because a car costs four or five times their combined annual income. They live in miniature flats or pack the extended family into one house.

India has about 40 per cent of the world's poorest people, along with a prosperous elite of entrepreneurs and professionals. The rich-poor divide, exacerbated by economic reforms, is nowhere more visible than in Bombay, the commercial capital, home to the richest and some of the poorest in India. It is a portrait of how society is developing and dividing.

The well-off Bombayite pays one of the highest house rents in the world, while half the ten million citizens live in slums or sleep on the streets.

> ‘Cheap is a myth: petrol is dearer than in Britain, house rents higher than London in up-market Delhi’

Office rents are the world's highest, outstripping Tokyo and Hong Kong. Yet the biggest slum in Asia, Dharavi, sprawls across the heart of the city, sending a stench into smart residential areas and offices. This Latin American-style juxtaposition is becoming pronounced throughout India.

Economic reforms have flushed out the super-rich by enabling them to import foreign cars and consumer goods, creating displays of wealth that were impossible when there was nothing to buy. Until recently the rich and not-so-rich drove the same tank-like Indian Ambassador cars, drank the same local liquor and owned the same obsolete stereo systems. Now the wealthy have Mercedes limousines, buy Scotch in the marketplace and listen to compact discs on the latest Sony.

It is commonly said that India has a middle class of 250 million. The correct term is middle-income. This misunderstanding has given the false impression of huge pent-up buying power in India. In all of India there are 35 million television sets, most of them mono, equivalent to about one for every five households. One household in 40 has a telephone; 3 or 4 per cent of urban families own a washing machine. Refrigerators are almost as rare.

At least 80 per cent of people have no access to adequate sanitation and two thirds of under-fives are malnourished. India receives a fraction of the foreign investment China gets. Bad roads, dreadful telephones, and unpredictable water and electricity supplies are only part of the explanation.

The reforms may have made it easier for a foreign investor to set up a factory, but antiquated laws make it difficult for him to close it. Duties on capital goods and raw materials are still prohibitive. Federal regulations have been simplified, but state-level bureaucrats jealously protect their culture of corruption and obstruction. Riots and the threat of instability make investors nervous.

The poor scoff at promises of a better tomorrow once the benefits of a reformed economy trickle down. They are antagonised by the new ostentation of the rich. The better-off, fearing social unrest, are erecting high fences around their houses, hiring watchmen and buying big dogs. More and more, India looks like Latin America.

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Colony's poll tests Peking support

BY ROSEMARY RIGHTER AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

VOTERS turned out yesterday in larger numbers than usual to take part in Hong Kong's local elections, the penultimate ballot under British rule. The elections were widely seen as a "dry run" for the more important vote to elect a new Legislative Council on September 17 on the wider franchise established by the constitutional changes passed last summer.

In many constituencies voters chose between pro-Peking candidates and the Democratic Party which wants stronger democratic institutions to limit any Chinese interference in Hong Kong after 1997. The pro-China camp contends that the Democrats' demands just make China angry and more inclined to break its promises of a "high degree" of autonomy for Hong Kong after the handover.

One interpretation of China's apparent determination not to cede the political field to the Democratic Party is that Peking is hedging its bets. It has not totally closed the door to living with the new 1995 Legislative Council (minus those members whose "loyalty" it suspects) after the 1997 handover — provided its supporters do well enough.

However, China may be concerned only to make a propaganda statement, a tactical ploy that will not affect its plans for 1997.

Of the 59 seats at stake yesterday, 17 were contested by the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong (DAB), a pro-Peking party that includes Communist members. In addition, 24 so-called "independent" candidates who advise Peking were running, hoping to do well in rural areas.

Before the vote, observers believed that this front could put up a surprisingly good showing against the Democratic Party headed by Martin Lee, which groups Hong Kong's real democrats and was contesting 36 seats in the election.

Ruling congress targets high-level corruption and inflation

Ailing Deng absent as new leadership confronts change

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

DENG XIAOPING, China's ailing paramount leader, predictably failed to attend yesterday's inaugural session of China's parliament, the National People's Congress. But he was still very much the ghost at the feast.

The 90-year-old architect of the economic reforms that have transformed China in the past 15 years was listed as a member of the praesidium, and his health and legacy were on the minds of the next generation of leaders and the 2,811 delegates.

Yet President Jiang Zemin, the party chief and Mr Deng's hand-picked successor, Li Peng, the Prime Minister, and Qiao Shi, chairman of the congress, seemed very much in command yesterday. Mr Li made a 100-minute speech outlining the Government's tasks for the year, which are to keep inflation down, eliminate high-level corruption and improve agricultural output.

With Mr Deng reportedly in poor health, a post-Deng era has to be contemplated at the current three weeks of parliamentary discussions. The sessions have taken on added significance this year for the clues they can provide to the times ahead. Mr Li mentioned Mr Deng only four times in his speech, significantly fewer than in the past. Mao received one mention. This was one way, diplomats said, of reminding China's 1.2 billion population that the Deng era is ending, as some associates of the elderly leader find their power bases eroding.

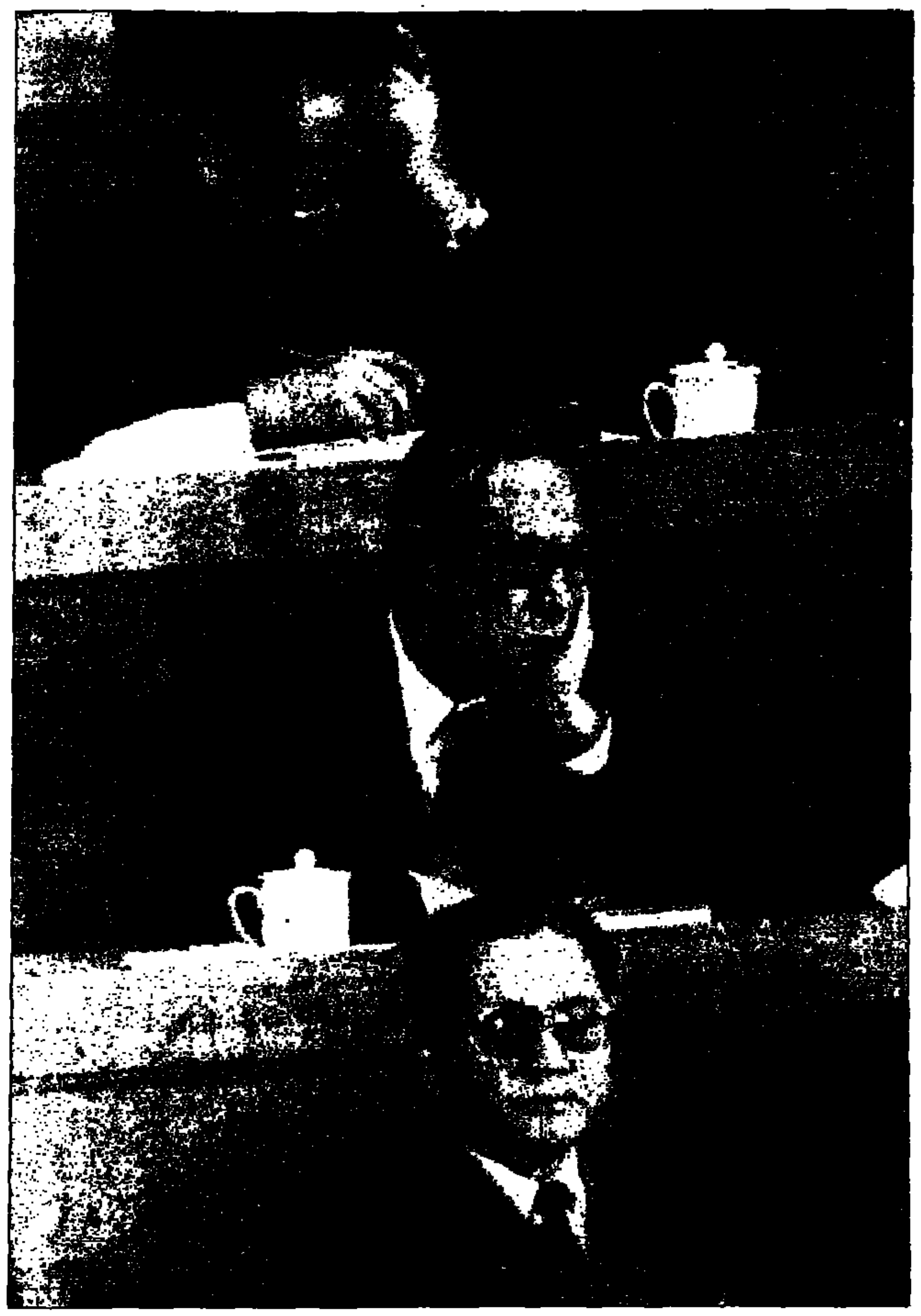
Transitions can be risky endeavours in China, and even though no big problems are foreseen, the unexpected — even perhaps a challenge to the power of the new leadership — cannot be completely ruled out. Given past upheavals, however, Chinese leaders and most ordinary people, seem to fear disorder. Although the Chinese Communist Party will retain its monopoly of power, diplomats say that the congress, once known as a "rubber-stamp" body, is likely to gain more prominence in future under Mr Qiao, a former security chief who has, somewhat paradoxically given his intelligence portfolio, a reputation as a reformer. He is capable, envoys say, of making the congress into a more responsive institution of government.

Deng: four mentions

Mr Qiao is also seen by envoys as a possible future rival to Mr Jiang. However, Mr Jiang is expected to increase his base with the promotion during the current session of two new vice premiers close to him, and a big increase in the budget for the People's Liberation Army, which he supervises as chairman of the powerful Military Commission. The army's support will be a key factor during the transition, diplomats say.

Indications that the party will countenance no interference in its monopoly of power, however, came in the refusal of the congress to accept petitions asking for human rights and an independent judiciary, put forward by some prominent dissidents and intellectuals.

Mr Li, in his annual report, said that while China had achieved much, the retail price inflation had soared almost 22 per cent in the past year, far beyond the goal of 10 per cent. "All this aroused great resentment in the masses," the Prime Minister, said.



Zhou Guanwu, centre, whose son has been accused of economic crimes, with delegates at the opening of Peking's National People's Congress yesterday

Ritual pageantry fails to move hard-pressed Chinese

BY JAMES PRINGLE

CHINA'S annual opening of its rubber-stamp parliament, the National People's Congress, is like a remembrance of things past, a museum-piece Communist ritual that in Russia and East Europe has died out with the collapse of European Marxism. Only in Vietnam, North Korea and Cuba, besides China, can these procedures, unwarying in routine, still be seen.

Everything is on a grand scale. There are the great red banners behind the podium and the huge national emblem of the people's republic with its five golden stars above the Gate of Heavenly Peace. A great glowing red star lies embedded in a galaxy of lights on the ceiling of the vast Great Hall of the People.

Then there are the solemn rows of delegates, sipping green tea from lidded mugs, who follow the keynote speech by Li Peng, the Prime Minister, line by line, so that, at the end of each of the 35 pages, there is a great rustling in the hall as everyone turns the page simultanously.

However, most Peking citizens are indifferent to the annual congress session, which sets out the Government's programme for the year ahead. Passing Peking citizens scarcely glanced at the Great Hall. "I don't care whether the congress goes on or not," the driver of a "yellow locust", a small Peking taxi said. "It means nothing. It just wastes too much government money putting it on." A middle-aged man outside a department store added: "Price rises and high-level corruption are what concern us."

Inkatha decides to call off boycott

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN ULUNDI

STAKING his claim to the moral high ground, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi led his Inkatha Freedom Party in ending its boycott of parliament yesterday.

A special party conference held near Ulundi decided to give the African National Congress and the National Party one more month to set up international mediation of a series of issues relating to the powers of the provinces in South Africa. Failing that, "the conference instructs the national council to order the withdrawal of all our members from Constitutional Assembly structures".

The Constitutional Assembly, composed of members of the National Assembly and the Senate, both Houses of the national parliament, is writing a new constitution.

Chief Buthelezi, who is Home Minister in President Mandela's coalition Government, slapped down a young speaker who thought that enough time had been given and that the party should boycott the Constitutional Assembly right away. "There are games being played for the moral high ground," Chief Buthelezi said. He added that a meeting on the issue with President Mandela and F.W. de Klerk, the Second Deputy President, in Cape Town a week ago, "did not come up with anything of substance, but Mr Mandela said he needed time".

Johannesburg: Thabo Mbeki, South Africa's First Deputy President, is preparing for a meeting, probably today, with Winnie Mandela, the estranged wife of President Mandela, over investigations into her alleged business deals (Ray Kennedy writes). He has intervened twice in the past month to prevent her from being dismissed from her post as a deputy minister.

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EU may authorise aid for Croatia to avert UN pullout

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor, and Tom Rhodes in Washington

EUROPEAN Foreign Ministers meet today to see whether extending aid to Croatia can avert a pull-out of United Nations forces, amid signs that President Clinton is backing out of his commitment to send troops to help any UN evacuation.

The European Union ministers will look at the possible extension of aid to Croatia in the hope that this may persuade President Tudjman to lift his order for the evacuation of 12,000 peacekeepers by the end of the month. Hans van den Broek, the External Affairs Commissioner, said last week that it was important for the former Yugoslav republics to be brought into the EU's "Phare" aid programme for former communist states.

However, EU ministers are gloomy about the prospect of renewed fighting, and angry at Dr Tudjman's intransigence. The three Foreign Ministers of Britain, France and Germany, last week urged President Milosevic of Serbia to recognise Croatia and Bosnia to break the deadlock over the latest Contact Group peace plan, but came away without any commitment from him. They fear that if UN troops are withdrawn, fighting between Croatia and Serbia would quickly break out along ceasefire lines.

Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, yesterday called on Mr Milosevic to seize the chance for peace and agree a summit with other former Yugoslav republics to prevent a return to full-scale war.

The Contact Group has offered to suspend sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia if Mr Milosevic recognises Croatia and Bosnia. But he has insisted that they should be dropped altogether, without preconditions. Herr Kinkel said he was "extremely concerned" about recent Balkan developments. His gloom is also reflected in other Western capitals. British officials have warned repeatedly that all warring parties were stocking up weapons and preparing to begin fighting when the four-month ceasefire ends in April.

There was some relief at the weekend that Serb forces allowed the UN to take food in to Dutch UN forces trapped in Srebrenica, one of the Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia. The 730 Dutch troops had only two days' supply left, and the UN was preparing plans to break the blockade by flying in supplies by helicopter under the protection of Nato air cover. A UN spokesman said in Sarajevo at the weekend that the blockade was "intolerable" and would not be accepted by the UN Protection Force. But later another spokesman said the convoy had got "some form of clearance" from Serb forces.

Clinton: backed away from offer of troops

Tomorrow's EU meeting in Brussels will focus on the increasing likelihood of a breakdown in the ceasefire and the need to pull out UN forces. So far, there has been no agreement on a withdrawal plan, and neither America nor its Nato allies know how to pay for the costly process.

Planners at Nato believe that if the 12,000 peacekeepers withdraw from Croatia, their 24,000 counterparts in Bosnia might be forced to follow suit. Such a widescale evacuation could require more than 70,000 Nato soldiers and may cost as much as £1.3 billion.

During three days of meetings in America ending last night, Defence Ministers from Britain, Germany, France and the United States concluded that such a retreat would be disastrous for the region, but failed to make any contingency plans.

"We would quickly see the collapse of the current fragile ceasefire and the resumption of bitter fighting which would bring great loss of life," said Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary.

President Clinton has further complicated any plans for withdrawal by failing to make a firm decision on the commitment of American troops. Although national security advisers have reviewed the situation, they have been unable to resolve any of the main issues.

Meanwhile, the President has done little to clarify the White House position. Senior advisers believe that if Washington holds back long enough, it may add weight to pressure from the Contact Group for Dr Tudjman to reverse his decision.

Mr Clinton said: "I have worked very hard to avoid the long-term commitment of American ground troops in that region, and I will continue to do that. I think that this is something that has to be handled through the United Nations."

A Brazilian policeman admonishes a photographer as his colleagues drag a robbery suspect behind a vehicle in a street in Rio de Janeiro. Moments later, the suspect was shot dead in the sight of a small crowd

UN set to maintain Iraq sanctions

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

INTELLIGENCE reports showing that President Saddam Hussein is rebuilding factories that could produce weapons, have helped the United States and Britain to defeat an effort to lift United Nations sanctions against Baghdad.

Madeleine Albright, the American Ambassador to the UN, has returned from a tour of seven countries in the certain knowledge that details of Saddam's war machine will have persuaded members of the Security Council to maintain its current embargo.

For almost a year, France and Russia, the closest allies of Iraq before the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, have argued that Baghdad was close to complying with Security Council demands to abandon its main weapons programmes. The two countries, with passive support from the Chinese, said Iraq should be granted the legal right to export its oil once more.

Although America and Britain argued strenuously against such a measure, support for their position had declined until the emergence of the recent intelligence data, including satellite photographs. The pictures also indicated that Saddam had spent vast sums on new presidential palaces, despite pleas of poverty to the international community.

A further review is due next week, and any change in sanctions is unlikely.

☐ **Jerusalem:** Israeli ministers were given a warning yesterday to expect increased terrorist attacks on Israeli targets during the coming months (Christopher Walker writes).

The caution came at a special Cabinet session devoted to reviewing the annual intelligence assessment drawn up and presented by the Israeli Defence Forces.

Leaks to Israeli defence correspondents from the report, presented by Major-General Uri Saguy, the military intelligence chief, said that although it judged the probability of a new Middle East war as extremely low for the forseeable future, a severe rupture of the peace talks could precipitate a limited war in Israel's "immediate surroundings".

The annual review, considered as the basis for wider policy, concluded that although Yassir Arafat, the chief of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, remained firmly in control in the newly autonomous Gaza Strip, he was not likely to wage war there against the main Islamic groups now targeting Jews in suicide attacks.

Welfare food stamps targeted

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

IN THEIR latest effort to reform welfare in the United States, the Republicans are planning to reduce spending on food stamps by as much as $16 billion (£10.5 billion) over the next five years.

The programme of food stamps — the second largest federal system in the United States, helping to feed more than 27 million poor and mainly black Americans, almost half of whom are children — has been operating for more than 30 years.

Under the plan devised by Republicans in the House of Representatives, there would be savings of more than $3 billion a year by tightening eligibility, curbing fraud and eliminating certain increases relating to the cost of food.

Under the *Contract with America*, the Republicans had hoped originally to eliminate food stamps altogether during their first 100 days. The money was to have been combined with that from other nutrition schemes and sent to the states as part of a block grant to be used on merit.

The stamps, however, which next to Medicaid offer the biggest aid to the needy in America, found strong protectors among rural farming communities, where politicians said the programme should survive as the final safety net for the very poor.

Republican governors, furious when the project was abandoned, have been putting pressure on Congress ever since to come up with another solution that gives the individual states control of all such welfare programmes.

According to documents leaked to *The Washington Post*, the new proposal would require able-bodied recipients of food stamps without dependents and between the ages of 18 and 50 to find work or lose their benefits within three months.

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Nuclear waste warning

New York: Scientists at the National Laboratory in Los Alamos have said that a government plan to bury nuclear waste in the Nevada mountains could result in a catastrophic explosion (Ben Macintyre writes).

Two physicists say the waste from nuclear power plants and warheads could erupt in thousands of years' time when the steel cannisters containing it dissolve.

Rwanda killing

Kigali: Gunmen killed Pierre-Claver Rwangabo, a Rwandan Hutu official, brought into the Tutsi-dominated administration to reassure refugees that they can return home safely. *(Reuter)*

Greenland poll

Nuuk: Greenland's ruling centre-left coalition led by Lars Emil Johansen, the Prime Minister, won the Danish protectorate's general election with 58.8 per cent of the vote. *(AFP)*

Finns warned

Helsinki: Yuri Deryabin, Russian Ambassador to Finland, has warned the country against joining Nato, saying that a decision to join the alliance could provoke an international crisis. *(AFP)*

Undercover plot

Bangkok: The police arrested 75 students with radio receivers in their underwear and charged them with conspiring to cheat in an entrance examination for a Thai army college. *(Reuter)*

Chicago gangster runs for office with help from friends

From Ben Macintyre in New York

EVEN by the traditionally dubious standards of Chicago politics, Walter "Gator" Bradley, a felon and former leader of the city's largest black street gang, seems an unlikely candidate for office.

Mr Bradley, 42, who served a prison sentence for armed robbery and burglary in the 1970s, is running for a place on the Chicago City Council next month, backed by the "21st Century Vote", a group which police say has close links with criminal gangs.

The one-time leader of the Black Gangster Disciples is unapologetic, insisting that politics in Chicago has always been run by gangs of one sort or another, and pointing out that Irish-American politicians have long treated Chicago wards as personal fiefdoms. "If it's all right for the Irish to be involved in gangs, it's all right for blacks to be involved in gangs," he said. "The attacks on gangs are just a way to isolate the African-American community, to put fear into people."

He remains proud of his links with Chicago's most notorious street gang, which may be his single electoral asset. "I have no problem being part of the gang," he said recently. "I belong to the Democratic Party, that's a gang. Churches I've joined, that's a gang."

Mr Bradley's candidacy has certainly put fear into Chicago residents, who say that the election has become a test of the growing power and political sophistication of street gangs. The Black Gangster Disciples, for example, have formally changed their name to the innocuous-sounding "Better Growth and Development", but according to the city's crime commission the organisation and its political wing include "drug dealers and murderers".

Mr Bradley's opponent in Chicago's notoriously violent South Side is Dorothy Tillman, a veteran black politician who has dismissed him as "a monster created by the media". The Black Gangster Disciples/Better Growth and Development boast about 10,000 members, and Mr Bradley's followers have been canvassing hard, plastering "Gator" posters across the South Side and encouraging young, disaffected blacks to vote for one of their own.

When Mr Bradley first announced his candidacy he was dismissed as a nonstarter, but analysts now predict a close race. His main claim to fame is that he helped to broker a peace treaty between rival Chicago gangs two years ago, while Ms Tillman has emphasised her links with the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

In Chicago's highly-charged racial atmosphere, the candidates have come to represent two very different faces of black political power. As one Tillman supporter told *The New York Times*: "Gator Bradley went to jail because he was convicted of a crime; Dorothy Tillman went to jail for fighting for the civil rights of black people."

If Mr Bradley is elected next month, he may find himself in congenial company: of the candidates campaigning for a seat on the 50-member council, no less than five are convicted felons.

Husky race protests

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

A THOUSAND huskies ran off into the Alaskan wilderness yesterday at the start of the world's most arduous dog-sled race, despite protests from animal rights groups and the efforts of an indignant poodle breeder.

The 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail race, is over a snow-bound course between Anchorage and the desolate outpost of Nome. Eight dogs have died of exhaustion in the past three races, running for up to 16 hours a day. Protesters say the casualties are driven until they drop by the mushers, or drivers, desperate for the $50,000 (about £31,000) first prize.

One of the loudest critics remains John Suter, a poodle racer disqualified after a ban on non-traditional breeds in 1991. He accuses the more ruthless mushers of feeding their dogs steroids, and the race committee of routine cover-ups of dog abuse.

The race committee chairman calls Mr Suter "a nut".

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Fighting talk from mild-mannered Prime Minister as Chirac pulls ahead

Balladur takes off the election gloves

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

EDOUARD BALLADUR, the French Prime Minister, went on the offensive at the weekend as opinion polls showed him trailing Jacques Chirac, his Gaullist rival, for the first time in the May presidential election race.

With his supporters worried that his decline might soon enter a terminal phase, M Balladur has discarded his consensual image in favour of a new-found pugnacity. But his attacks on M Chirac's supporters, and their equally virulent response, served to highlight the chaos and rancour that are poisoning the Gaullist movement to which both camps adhere.

In a graphic illustration of the difficulties these splits are creating within the centre-right Government, M Balladur on Saturday openly quarrelled with Alain Juppé, his Foreign Minister and a Chirac supporter, over public finances. Responding to M Juppé's claim that budget cuts would force the Foreign Ministry to close six embassies and 15 consulates, he accused his Cabinet "colleague" of electioneering.

The decision to announce the cuts "stemmed from concerns which are not those of the good functioning of the public service", M Balladur said. He had similarly harsh words for M Chirac himself, taking up claims that his rival's programme would cost up to 680 million francs (£83 million), which M Chirac vehemently denies. "With me, there are no false promises, no dream which turns into a nightmare," M Balladur told supporters at a Paris rally on Saturday.

If the Prime Minister's tone has changed since he entered the presidential race six weeks ago with a promise not to criticise other candidates, it is because circumstances have also changed. From a position of overriding superiority, he has slumped so much that he is now one point behind M Chirac, according to an opinion poll published in *Le Journal du Dimanche* yesterday. If the two men were in a run-off in the second round, M Chirac would win by four points, the poll found.

Battered by a series of misadventures, including a telephone-tapping scandal and a dispute with America over the CIA's alleged spying activities in Paris, M Balladur's camp recognises the need for fast action. "Within the next 15 days, we will have won or we will be dead," Patrick Devedjian, one of the Prime Minister's leading supporters, said on Saturday.

This week Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, France's former centre-right President, and Raymond Barre, who served as his Prime Minister, will end months of indecision by announcing if they intend to run for the presidency. According to yesterday's poll, both men would get less than 5 per cent of the vote, but both believe the electorate to be highly volatile. One certain effect of either's candidacy would be to put a pro-European voice at the centre of a campaign in which Europe has so far been neglected. Beyond that, however, the consequences for the other candidates of a presidential bid by either man are difficult to predict. As *Le Journal du Dimanche* said in an editorial: "This campaign, in fact, is only beginning. The table is laid. The knives are out. But, for the time being, the candidates . . . are only at the hors d'oeuvre."

Jacques Chirac, who is Mayor of Paris, addresses a presidential campaign rally in Besançon, eastern France

William Rees-Mogg, page 18

Estonians vote to stay with reform

FROM REUTER IN TALLINN

PRESIDENT Meri of Estonia said that while the outcome of yesterday's election was unclear, the people would certainly vote to stay on the path of economic reform and integration with the West.

"The parties are divided but the people are not," Mr Meri said as he went to cast his vote in a Tallinn suburb. "I am convinced that Estonia will once more prove to the world that it has made a decision to be reintegrated into Europe and has stuck to that decision," he added.

Mr Meri was made President by the right-wing Government of the Fatherland Party after it won the first election under Estonia's post-Soviet constitution in 1992, a year after independence.

Support for the Fatherland Party was expected to slump in this election, with a more centrist-dominated coalition taking power, but Mr Meri forecast that there would be little change to the path of economic and foreign policy.

Presenter's death heralds crackdown on Moscow mafia

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN is considering imposing tough anti-crime measures in Russia, in the aftermath of last week's murder of a popular television host, which shocked the nation.

The issue is expected to dominate a meeting, scheduled today, of the powerful Presidential Security Council, when government ministers are likely to demand new anti-mafia legislation, which could include increased powers of search and arrest of suspected mobsters.

As tens of thousands of mourners attended the funeral of Vladislav Listyev at the weekend, his murder by suspected mafia killers has triggered a debate in Russian society about how to tackle organised crime while protecting the country's shaky democracy.

Last year Mr Yeltsin signed a decree granting law enforcement authorities greater powers and there are moves to strengthen the counter-intelligence service to help in fighting organised crime. However, so far those actions have had little impact. Last year there were 1,820 murders in Moscow and so far this year there have been 281. Many of the killings were contracted out by the mafia to hitmen and the authorities so far have not arrested a single suspect.

However, there are worries that increasing the strength of the police and the intelligence services will do more damage than good. In particular, liberal Russian politicians and commentators have said that hardliners in the Kremlin may use the Listyev murder as an excuse to erode further civil liberties and human rights in the politically charged atmosphere before this year's parliamentary elections and next year's presidential contest.

Their warnings came after President Yeltsin made an impassioned speech last week at the Moscow television headquarters where he argued that the need for law and order in Russia was more important than the threat of a return to a police state.

"We are afraid of ourselves, we are afraid of turning Russia into a police state, and we are afraid to toughen our struggle against these gangs," the Russian leader said on Thursday. "In Uzbekistan they seized and executed six groups of bandits. They were executed by Interior Ministry officers and things began to improve immediately."

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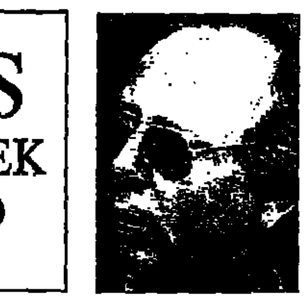

■ **VISUAL ART**

Avant-garde, German . . . and funny? The Tate in Liverpool celebrates the quirky art of Sigmar Polke

OPEN: Now
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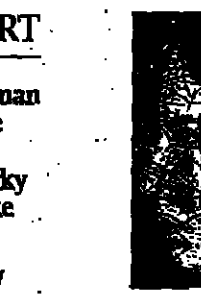

■ **DANCE**

Emily Brontë takes to the stage as Northern Ballet Theatre unveils Gillian Lynne's big new work in Leeds

OPENS: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday

■ **THEATRE**

Judd Hirsch stars at the Old Vic in Herb Gardner's Broadway hit, *Conversations With My Father*

OPENS: Tomorrow
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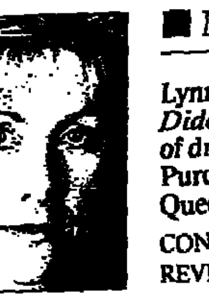

■ **MUSIC**

Lynne Dawson sings *Dido* in an evening of dramatic music by Purcell and Blow at the Queen Elizabeth Hall

CONCERT: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

IN PRAISE OF LOVE: Opening night for Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan's drama about being very brave when facing death. Inspired by the relationship between Rex Harrison and his wife Kay Kendall; Richard Olivier directs its UK premiere as a two-act play.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

ELGAR THE MUSIC MAKER: After last Thursday's recording session, Andrew Davis and the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** move their new series to the South Bank. Tonight's programme features Elgar's *Falstaff* and *Enigma Variations* and the premiere of David Sawer's Trumpet Concerto.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

AGAMEMNON'S CHILDREN: Laurence Boswell directs in repertory Euripedes' plays on frenzied Elektra, haunted Orestes and sacrificed, innocent Iphigeneia. An ambitious programme that is Boswell's last as artistic director at the Gate.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (0171-730 2554). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. The trilogy opens Wed.

WOMEN OF NOTE: The Ambache Chamber Orchestra opens another new series at the South Bank tonight with UK premieres for Marianne Martinez's Symphony in C (1800) and Clara Schumann's *Konzertsatz* in F minor for piano and orchestra. Works from Mozart and Haydn are also included in the programme.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BRISTOL: René Jacobs and the **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment** offer a rare open rehearsal this afternoon — *Dido in the Making* — for the evening's performance of Purcell's operatic masterpiece, *Dido and Aeneas*. With Della Jones, Lynne Dawson, Rosemary Joshua and Gerald Finley.
St George's, Brandon Hill (0117 923 0359). Today 2-5pm and 7.30pm. Ⓢ

EDINBURGH: Last week of performances here for Harry Secombe and Ruth Madoc in *Pickwick*. Dickens's tale as a perennially favourite musical, all swirling petticoats and top hats.
Festival, Nicolson Street (0131-529 6000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

LEEDS: Director Christopher Gable and choreographer Gillian Lynne take the lives, as well as the work, of the sisters Charlotte, Emily and Anne as the inspiration for **Northern Ballet Theatre's** new work, *The Brontës*. This week's premiere starts a national tour.
Grand, New Briggate (0113 245 9351). Tonight-Sat 11, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm. Ⓢ

NOTTINGHAM: Last week for opera director David Pountney's theatrical debut with **Twelfth Night**. A thoroughly modern take on the story, which can make it occasionally gimmicky but Pountney's young people are full of passion. Recommended.
Playhouse, Wellington Circus (0115 419419). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BROKEN GLASS:** Arthur Miller's masterly drama, distilling his lifelong concern with personal responsibility. David Thacker's production, with Henry Goodman and Margot Leicester superb as the central Jewish couple.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

☐ **CELL MATES:** Rik Mayall and now Simon Ward play Sean Bourke and George Blake, in Simon Gray's low-key, slightly disappointing play.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE:** Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love. Final week.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

◩ **CONVERSATIONS WITH MY FATHER:** Judd Hirsch recreates his Tony Award-winning performance in Herb Gardner's 1992 Broadway hit, set in a Lower East Side bar. Alan Ayckbourn directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Now previewing, 7.45pm; opens tomorrow Ⓢ

■ **HAMLET:** Ralph Fiennes' physically charismatic Prince gives a well-thought and stimulating performance, up to a point.
Hackney Empire, Mare Street, E8 (0171-312 1995). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Sold out for rest of run.

◩ **INDIAN INK:** Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect. Peter Wood directs.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◩ **OUT OF A HOUSE WALKED A MAN:** Theatre de Complicite breathes life into the mysterious tales of Daniil Kharms. The best is the corpse (Kathryn Hunter) who won't agree to be buried.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; mat Thurs, 2.15pm. Booking until Apr 5. Ⓢ

■ **ROMEO AND JULIET:** Inventive performance artist Emily Woof, plays her first classical role opposite Stuart Bunce's Romeo. Neil Bartlett directs the co-production with West Yorkshire Playhouse, whether it transfers this month.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Tue, 1.30pm and Sat, 2.30pm. Final week. Ⓢ

◩ **THE STRIP:** New play from Phyllis Nagy, set in Las Vegas where an odd bunch of characters is converging for a total eclipse. Steven Pimlott directs a large cast that includes Cheryl Campbell, Nicholas Farrell and Nicholas le Prevost.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Apr 7.

☐ **TEMPORARY GIRL:** Lisa Kolin's American hit solo show, on how to get by as an office temp while bursting to break into showbiz.
Cockpit, Gateforth Street, NW8 (0171-402 5081). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Ⓢ

◩ **UP'N'UNDER:** John Godber's rugby play: a scratch club pits itself against peak performers.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Now previewing, 8pm, opens mar 8. Ⓢ

☐ **THE VENETIAN TWINS:** Michael Bogdanov's knockabout production loses some of Goldoni's comedy. David Troughton plays both twins; Ranjit Bolt translates.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. Ⓢ

◩ **ZORRO — THE MUSICAL:** The masked swashbuckler rights wrongs, defies gravity and gives the audience a great time in a typically rumbustious Ken Hill show.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (0181-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Mar 11 and 18, 3pm. Ⓢ

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **PRET-A-PORTER** (15). Surprisingly feeble satire on the fashion world from Robert Altman. With Kim Basinger, Sophia Loren, Marcello Mastroianni, Stephen Rea and many others.
Electric Ⓢ (0171-792 2020) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

LES ROSEAUX SAUVAGES (15): Sensitive drama about French provincial adolescents during the Algerian War: a childhood reminiscence from director André Téchiné.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

CURRENT

HEAVENLY CREATURES (18): Strange, fatal friendship of two New Zealand teenagers. Compelling, imaginative, true-life drama from director Peter Jackson.
Lumiere (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18): Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book. Director, Neil Jordan.
MGMs: Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl.
Prince Charles (0171-437 8181)

◆ **NATURAL BORN KILLERS** (18): Warped lovers embark on a shooting rampage, with the media in pursuit. Wearisome excess from director Oliver Stone; with Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01425 915574) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **RUDYARD KIPLING'S THE JUNGLE BOOK:** Muddled live-action adventures of jungle boy Mowgli. With Jason Scott Lee, Lena Headley, Cary Elwes. Director, Stephen Sommers.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG): Marisa Tomei chases the man of her dreams through Italy. Lazy blend of comedy, romance and travelogue, with Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **QUIZ SHOW** (15): Director Robert Redford resurrects a TV scandal of the late 1950s. Fine performances (John Turturro, Ralph Fiennes, Paul Scofield), but not enough bite, or relevance.
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◆ **THE RIVER WILD** (12): Criminals imperil a family on their white water rafting holiday. Enjoyable action thriller, with Meryl Streep and Kevin Bacon. Director, Curtis Hanson.
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◆ **STAR TREK: GENERATIONS** (PG): Talky but acceptable film debut for the stars of television's *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Patrick Stewart's Captain Picard meets William Shatner's Kirk. Director, David Carson.
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The mystery of the viols

Why did the young Purcell write a series of masterpieces for a defunct musical ensemble?

Richard Morrison on a 300-year-old puzzle

Of the many homages to England's greatest Baroque composer in his tercentenary year, none is more fascinating than the project that begins tomorrow on the South Bank. The ensemble Fretwork will play the superb set of *Fantasies* and *In Nomines* that the 21-year-old Henry Purcell wrote in 1680 for a consort of viols. And interleaved with these original works, Fretwork will also premiere pieces by 12 present-day composers who have each been commissioned by the South Bank Centre to write a viol-consort work inspired by Purcell.

A more eclectic or unpredictable tribute could hardly be imagined. The 12 composers come from China, Denmark, Australia, Russia and Italy as well as Britain. They range in style from the predominantly pop-based Elvis Costello to the sternly avant-garde Sir Harrison Birtwistle, from the minimalist Gavin Bryars to the ethereal timbres of the Chinese-born Tan Dun. Some, like the Danish composer Poul Rouders, have known and loved Purcell's music from childhood. Others are hardly acquainted with his work.

Some are quoting directly from Purcell: the Russian composer Elena Firsova talks of a Purcell cadence haunting her own piece like a ghost, and indeed calls her piece *Phantom*. Others are making more oblique reference to Purcellian technique. The jazz composer and classical double-bassist Barry Guy, for instance, has started from the notion of Purcell's brilliant *tour de force*, the *Fantasy Upon One Note* (in which the middle of five viols sustains a C throughout), but he also hints intriguingly that the jazz double-bass virtuoso Charlie Mingus is another influence hovering in the background. What sort of brew that will make is anybody's guess.

But the new pieces will have to be exceptionally good to rival the mysterious power of Purcell's originals. Why mysterious? Well, nobody knows for certain why the young Purcell wrote his *Fantasies* and *In Nomines* for viols in the first place. The viol consort originated more than a century before Purcell was born, back in Henry VIII's day. Indeed the very title *In Nomine* indicates a piece which is quoting a *Benedictus* written in 1520 by the great Tudor composer John Taverner, so by the time Purcell wrote his *In Nomines*, this exclusively English musical form was 160 years old.

During the Civil War and Cromwell era — when England was, in G.M. Trevelyan's memorable phrase, a place of "souls in conflict" — the viol consort was the medium for extraordinarily complex pieces by such composers as John Jenkins and William Lawes. It became a form of domestic music-making in which anguished feelings could be expressed without fear, a kind of safety-valve for emotional turmoil. "When most other good arts languished, Musick held up her head," wrote the essayist Roger North. "Not at Court nor profane Theatres, but in private society, for many chose to fidle at home than to goe out, and be knockt on the head abroad."

Even then, however, English music was decades behind continental fashions. In Italy and France, the violin had long replaced the old-fashioned viol as the prime stringed instrument. Similarly, the sonata — with its emphasis on solo virtuosity — had superseded the consort. And only in England did the strange, archaic discords and syncopations of the Renaissance period linger on. In short, for political and geographical reasons, English music was trapped in a time-warp.

When Charles II returned to England his ears must still have been ringing with the sound of Louis XIV's magnificent band of 24 violins. So he must have shuddered to hear the outdated English viols that greeted him. It would have been rather like a modern traveller visiting a remote land where pop music had got stuck in the skiffle era. Charles wasted no time in demanding violins at his court, and Restoration composers who valued their jobs quickly complied. By 1676, the writer Thomas Mace was mourning the disappearance of viols from the English scene. Yet four years later the brilliant and ambitious Henry Purcell, already established in the King's musical retinue, produced a new set of pieces for viols. Why?

> ❛ The viol consort was once a vehicle for anguished expression ❜

Surely this was more than a student exercise. My contention is that Purcell felt compelled to re-create this ancient English art form for psychological as well as musical reasons. He was on the one hand "paying his dues" to the preceding generation of musicians — a generation whose careers in church, court and theatre had been wrecked by the Civil War.

On the other hand, he was also reclaiming a very English kind of musical sound — angular, dissonant, stubborn and robust — and making it vital to his own style. He was, in effect, bridging the gap to the great Tudor and Elizabethan composers, and at the same time bringing the art of the viol consort to its highest, and its last, peak.

Purcell never returned to the viols, and just three years later he was himself writing Italian-style sonatas. He had, if you like, become a "good European" — as he needed to, if he was to prosper in Charles's court. But somehow the old flavour of Elizabethan music lingered on in his work. In fact, Purcell achieved in music what every modern British Prime Minister would like to achieve in politics: the trick of being part of the European mainstream while retaining an undeniable British essence. But then, Purcell was a genius.

Listening to his *Fantasies* one senses an elegy for a past era and a lost musical art. That can be felt even by those who have little background in Baroque music. Elvis Costello, for instance, speaks of an "exquisite seam of blue melancholy" in 17th-century English viol music. He continues: "Is it possible that the contemporaneous music of the aural tradition carried this feeling into American folk music, re-emerging as part of blues and jazz? Musicologists may debunk this, but I believe this is why I am able to imagine the Duke Ellington Orchestra playing the opening of Purcell's *Fantasy* No 5."

That is a weird and wonderful thought: a modern pop composer's re-creation of how a jazz big-band might play a Baroque viol fantasy that was itself paying homage to a Tudor art form. How it actually sounds will be revealed when Costello's piece is premiered tomorrow.

● *Fretwork's first concert is tomorrow at 7pm, Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (0171-928 8800). The second is on May 2*

ENTERTAINMENTS

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Stranded up a blind alley

POP: **David Sinclair** watches as 'the artist formerly known as Prince' kicks off his new British tour in unfamiliar musical guise

For the last two years, he has insisted that his name is a gender-blending squiggle, not Prince. Yet when he made his much-analysed acceptance "speech" at the Brit Awards two weeks ago, the diminutive superstar identified himself, three times, as "Prince". *The Times* has decided to take this as a signal, and will henceforth refer to him as The Artist Who Calls Himself Prince Even If Nobody Else Is Allowed To — or Prince for short.

All this nonsense with the name is, of course, a preposterous indulgence of a super-vain ego, but it is also symptomatic of a genuine identity crisis. At 36, Prince finds himself at loggerheads with his record company, Warner Bros, and in charge of a studio complex and business organisation, Paisley Park, which is reported to be in financial difficulty. He wishes to avoid coasting on his reputation and is desperate to refute the increasingly plausible suggestion that he is past his creative peak.

Prince
Wembley Arena

"Since the last time I saw you I've made seven albums," he boasts recklessly to the adoring Wembley crowd. If true, this is quick work indeed, considering that his last UK shows were less than two years ago. "Don't you worry about my cash flow, either," he adds defiantly.

Prince's claim that his record company has refused to release his new album, *The Gold Experience*, has been countered by Warner Bros, who state, not unreasonably, that the company is unable to issue the album until Prince hands over the master tapes which, so far, he has declined to do. To underline what we've been missing, four videos of tracks from *The Gold Experience* are screened before the show starts. They look and sound good, a stylish mixture of rap, funk and rock illustrated by the usual bevy of underdressed women.

Finally, the curtain drops to reveal a stage occupied at the rear by the so-called Endorphin Machine, three split-level modules that look like a cross between the spaceships in *Barbarella* and *Alien*, among which various members of his group, the New Power Generation, are located. Prince shimmies on, playing a guitar which appears to have been built originally as a crossbow.

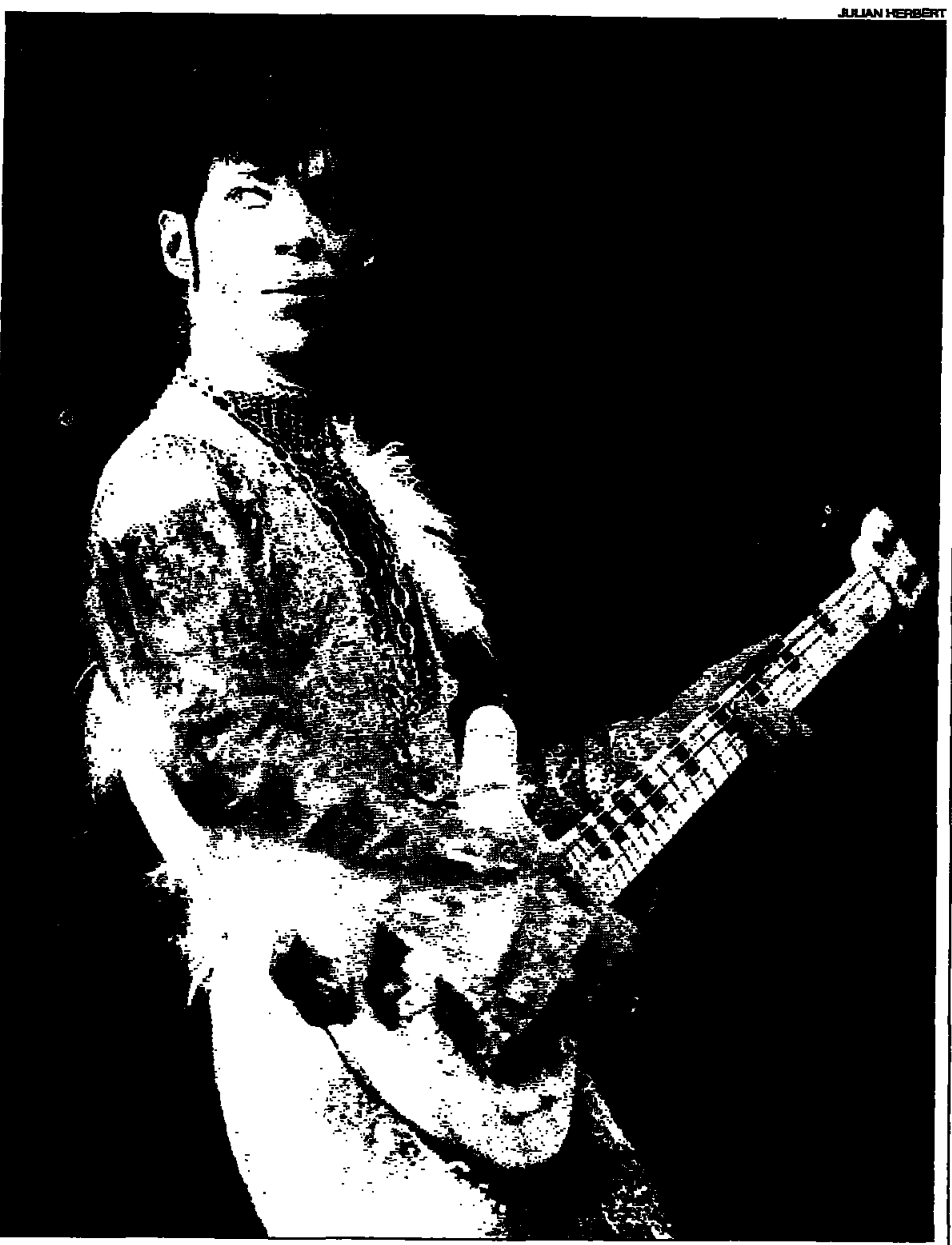
Halfway through the first number, *Endorphine*, keyboard player Tommy Barbarella is hoisted high above the stage and flown out over the heads of the audience. Two and a half hours later, Garcia repeats the stunt, dressed as an angel and sprinkling gold glitter on the heads below during the final encore of *Gold*.

In between is a selection of songs notable in the first instance for their unfamiliarity. These include a falsetto ballad with a noisy climax called *Shhh* and several heavy-duty, hip hop tracks, such as *Days Of Wild* and *Pussy Control* (not about feline matters) which find Prince in rap mode and cheerfully using the oedipal compound swear word as if to the manner born.

His recent hit, *The Most Beautiful Girl In The World*, gets an off-hand airing about halfway through, ditto *Letitgo* from last year's *Come* album (remember that?). There is a quote from James Brown's *Sex Machine* and a brief, dismal version of John Fogerty's *Proud Mary*, but otherwise he sticks to the untried and untested.

It is a brave and bold display, and what with a few pyrotechnics thrown in during the encores, not bad value as these things go. But for all the talk of burying the old Prince and making a fresh start, none of it goes anywhere new, musically. And as a lyricist Prince's preoccupation with the mechanics of sex have taken him so far up a blind alley that he now has nowhere left to turn.

The SLAVE motif which, as always, is crayoned on to his cheek, may turn out to have more resonance than he intended. After all, anyone can change their name, but it's a good deal harder to cast off the shackles of the past and escape from what you are.



JULIAN HERBERT

Daring to be different for an adoring Wembley Arena crowd: the American superstar Prince sticks to the untried and the untested at the first of seven London shows to launch his extensive British tour

CONCERT REVIEWS

Parry's thrust a palpable hit

BBCSO/Davis
RCM

ONE of the great pleasures of recent years has been making the acquaintance of the five symphonies by Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry. Released on the Chandos label, these unpredictably inventive works are now to be joined by an even rarer item: Parry's Piano Concerto.

The concerto, written in the unlikely key of F sharp major, dates from 1878-79. It was given its premiere at the Crystal Palace in April 1880, but after October 1895 it dropped from the repertoire and no more was heard of it for a century.

With the support of the Lloyd's Music Foundation, the Parry scholar Jeremy Dibble prepared a score from the composer's manuscript, and the work was heard once again on Thursday night at the Royal College of Music, in the first of Radio 3's new series of Invitation Concerts. The pianist was Piers Lane and the conductor Charles Peebles.

There are echoes throughout the concerto of various other works in the medium. Curiously, though, it is Rachmaninov's popular concertos, especially the Second (a decade or two in the future), that come to mind most often, notably when piano arpeggios pound against an opulent string accompaniment, with a wind instrument picking out a solo line. Parry's Concerto may be less than a masterpiece, but it is well worth reviving.

In the first half of the concert, the BBC Symphony Orchestra was conducted by Andrew Davis in three works by Elgar. Graham Sheen was the eloquent soloist in the Romance for bassoon and orchestra. Elgar's transcription of Chopin's celebrated Funeral March is a curious affair, effectively sparse in the main march sections, uncomfortably redolent of *Salut d'amour* in the middle.

The *Severn Suite* incompletely disguises its brass band origins, but Davis was fully alert to its authentic touches of Falstaffian swagger, as well as its occasional bursts of radiant lyricism.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Above criticism

CBSO/Rattle
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

IT IS difficult to be critical about the second of Simon Rattle's 1940s concerts in his "Towards the Millennium" series with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Difficult, that is, to separate musical motives from historical and political ones in the planning of the programme.

In purely musical terms, the first half of the concert, including Pavel Haas's *Study for Strings* and Schoenberg's *A Survivor from Warsaw*, was not of the highest quality. But anyone who knows that the *Study* was created shortly before the composer was "relocated" to Auschwitz, cannot hear it as just another ingeniously constructed essay in writing for string orchestra. One listens to it in the fear of finding no light in the darkness. But then, at a suddenly luminous point near the middle, one is overwhelmed by the hope that there it is after all.

With its emotive memories from the ghetto and its finally defiant expression of faith in a Hebrew prayer for massed male voices, *A Survivor from Warsaw* ought to succeed at least in terms of compassion. But it very rarely does. It succeeded so little on this occasion that, at the end, the audience was unsure whether it was over or not.

When it comes to Michael Tippett's *A Child of our Time*, which was born out of compassion, there is no possibility of distinguishing reactions in the tangle of emotions it inspires. Besides, this was clearly the part of the programme where Rattle had made the major investment of commitment and interpretative energy. The rare quality of the performance was not so much in the big choral passages, or of the often-beautiful solo singing (from Faye Robinson, Cynthia Clarey, Philip Langridge and Benjamin Luxon), as in the intimate orchestral detail. The idiomatic and very personal phrasing of the Tippett melodic line was as illuminating as the wonderfully uninhibited sentiment of the spirituals.

GERALD LARNER

Travelling delight

Nash Ensemble
Spadesbourne Hall, Bromsgrove

CLEARLY determined to make the most of the opportunity offered by a Contemporary Music Network tour, the Nash Ensemble is travelling with three new works, *Gerald Larner writes.*

However, the most enthusiastic applause in Bromsgrove was for Michael Tippett's song-cycle *The Heart's Assurance*. An impassioned performance by Adrian Thompson and Ian Brown demonstrated the continuing reality of the pain that inspired the score, more than 40 years ago.

A similarly all-or-nothing account of Simon Holt's *Sparrow Night* — a dramatically disturbing work with an extravagantly eloquent oboe part written six years ago for the Nash oboist Gareth Hulse, who played it on this occasion — meant the second half provided a formidable challenge to the new pieces presented before the interval.

Colin Matthews's *Twenty-three Frames for Four Players* emerged relatively unscathed from the experience. It is such a bizarre work that it cannot be compared with anything, except perhaps the sources of the quotations on which its 23 tiny sections (none lasting more than 30 seconds) are based. Whenever the ear catches a fragment of Debussy, Schubert or Brahms, it is tempted to go off with the classic rather than Matthews. Happily, however, most of them are well disguised.

The new scores are Sally Beamish's *Madrigali*, a setting for tenor and six instruments of words set by the murderous Gesualdo di Venosa 400 years ago, and Robert Saxtons's piano quintet *A Yardstick to the Stars*. As the by-product of work on an opera, *Music to Murder By*, the *Madrigali* do not in themselves add up to very much, intriguing though they and the long-term project are. *A Yardstick*, which sets piano against strings in two different time scales, adds up to too much, perhaps. Neither the piano part nor the string part seems complete in itself, but, except at certain key points, neither seems to have much to do with the other.

OVERTURES

Starring in Sussex

IN THE first year of their double-act as joint bosses of the Chichester Festival Theatre, **Sir Derek Jacobi** and **Duncan C. Weldon** have unveiled a glittering package for the summer. Jacobi himself will star in **Terry Hands**'s production of **Peter Luke**'s *Hadrian VII*. **Leo McKern** and **Nichola McAuliffe** will be leading *Hobson's Choice*; **Ian Carmichael** and **Dora Bryan** are the stars of *The School for Scandal*; and **Ian Richardson** leads Molière's *The Miser*.

Harold Pinter directs the premiere of **Ronald Harwood**'s *Taking Sides*, and stars in his own *The Hothouse*. **Alan Ayckbourn**'s new play, *A Word from Our Sponsors*, will be directed by himself; *and* **Keith Michell** will head Yves Jamiaque's new play *Monsieur Amilcar*. But perhaps most attention will be focused on the season's last production, where **Lauren Bacall** is confirmed as the star of Dürrenmatt's *The Visit*.

● THE vintage *Live At The BBC* sessions may have proved the enduring marketability of **The Beatles**, but will their reputation survive the release of *The Exotic Beatles* (Exotica Records), a collection of bizarre cover versions from way back when? Thrill to the sound of **Mae West** vamping her way through *Day Tripper*. Listen in horror as veteran cockney actor **Arthur Mullard** does grievous bodily harm to *Yesterday*. And blanche as you read the sleeve-notes and realise there are 28 similarly gruesome offerings with which to torture yourself.

Subtly skilful forgery of a Chekhov

THEATRE

The Sisters
Young Vic Studio

The bold, sensitive Scarlet Theatre Company is in black and white — starkly funereal and floatingly pale — for its experimental reworking of Chekhov's *Three Sisters*, directed by Katarzyna Deszcz.

Against an engulfing darkness, we make out a trio of Edwardian women, looking ahead, only their soft-skinned fine faces closely lit. They evoke Whistler portraits: captured beauties of an era now past. Isolated in her corner, Olga (broad-cheekboned Gráinne Byrne) has a hint of Munch, the light falling on her from directly above — a light she clings to in this encroaching winter of the soul.

The Sisters almost seems to depict the aftermath of Chekhov's drama. The action is replayed as if those characters are remembering — if not dreaming — them when the military have gone, and with them all hope of marriage.

DONALD COOPER

Gráinne Byrne (left) and Jan Pearson in *The Sisters*

Helen Anderson's Masha, starched and passionate, speaks her love scene to an immaterial man, her body pressed to the set's single framed window. Breathing against the glass, she utters the words as to a mirror.

The Prozorovs' house has, perhaps, become an asylum. Olga is seated under a low-hung steel lamp. She talks of their father's burial and Irena's nameday, not to Irena but to herself, disjointedly, examining her hands under the glare. Irena (Emma Bernard) stands under an identical lamp in the background, laughing spasmodically, stiff as a wax ballerina. Every now and then she does an odd little stumble. Maybe the "asylum" is a stable. After all, Natasha does, step by step, oust her sisters-in-law from house to garden. Irena's stumble suggests a mare momentarily breaking patient stillness in a night-lit stall.

Masha, proud-chested as a thoroughbred, paces quietly in heeled boots, turning with sudden flamenco stamps. A touch of Lorca's women there. Beyond that, these spinsters, soldierless, have acquired a regimentation of their own. The production, with its grid-like symmetry of movement, bleak limbo and broken utterance, brings out the Beckett in Chekhov.

The macabre cabaret element does not make so much sense, although Anfisa the nanny's Expressionist semaphore round the samovar is sharply cranky (skeletal, bird-like Linda Kerr Scott). The additional frame, introducing *The Three Sisters* with the prologue from Konstantin's play in *The Seagull*, is redundant.

Bernard has not quite got a handle on Irena. But Jan Pearson's Natasha is a superbly comic and disturbing caricature, growing from a self-abasing quavery absurdity to a booming regal monster.

If the rest of the studio's season of experimental theatre is this good, the Young Vic is on to a winner.

KATE BASSETT

Kate Bassett samples the dishes of that moveable feast, *The Times* Penguin Festival of Fiction

Bookworms underground

IT WAS a dazzling, sunny morning. The birds were singing above the Barbican. There had to be a damned good reason for spending the day underground. There was. Down in the Pit, a bookworm's whoopee was about to begin.

Throughout March, *The Times* Penguin Festival of Fiction is threading its way round the country, from Winchester to Manchester, from Canterbury to Cardiff. A ticket to the London event on Saturday — with readings, conversations and signings — bought a day in the company of such names as Laurie Lee, P.D. James and Graham Swift. It was a sell-out. The bookworms ranged from grannies to trendies with specs appeal. Whatever the CD-Rom has in store, whatever apocalyptic visions may be inspired by the demise of Pentos, the book is patently far from dead.

The festival is a double celebration this year: of our top authors, and of Penguin's 60th birthday. Malcolm Bradbury — mildly dishevelled, sharply entertaining — paid tribute to Penguin. He called the paperbacks, which first appeared in 1935 at sixpence, "the great home university" of affordable books. They helped, he said, to make him what he is today: "a national treasure". Lee, rambling but very funny, recalled reading the first Penguins standing surreptitiously in Smith's, a page a day.

Perhaps the festival's chief quality is that it is both fun and informative: an opportunity to see that reclusive breed, the writer, in the flesh: to hear their own renditions and to ask their opinions. The readings give you a taste for the best. Raffaella Barker's *Come and Tell Me Some Lies* shone out. And the voices ranged across the ages from Lee, in his eighties, to new writers, female and male. Perhaps some of them, rushing their delivery nervously, need a lesson in live performance. Perhaps more time should have been allowed for questions. And perhaps the final debate on "Masculinity", including Will Self (how could it not?), tended towards the wittily flip.

But P.D. James, on the popular genre of crime fiction, proved an incisive speaker, packing her short lecture with insights and anecdotes. Looking like someone cosy from the Women's Institute, she quipped about her dark side, which probably all began in infanthood with her response to Humpty Dumpty: "Did he fall or was he pushed?"

She also came clean, refreshingly and funnily, about her mistakes. One of her protagonists once reversed on a motorbike. "I still get letters from men all over the world," she observed wryly, "explaining my error in detail, sometimes with a diagram."

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Deadly blow to diabetes

SCIENCE BRIEFING

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Nigel Hawkes

RESEARCH at Oxford into diabetes has produced results that could have implications for many other diseases. The findings tie in with an American trial which has shown that it may be possible to stop diabetes before it starts.

The Oxford research, in Dr John Todd's laboratory at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, has shown that susceptibility to type I diabetes — the sort that starts in childhood and requires a lifetime of insulin injections — is determined by a stretch of DNA that lies alongside the gene for insulin on chromosome 11.

While many diseases are caused by faults within the genes themselves, the culprit identified at Oxford and reported in *Nature Genetics* lies outside the insulin gene. It is a region consisting of the same short length of DNA, just 14 base pairs long, repeated a variable number of times, like a stutter. Such regions are known as VNTRs (variable number of tandem repeats) and form the basis of genetic fingerprinting. The research shows that people who carry the smallest number of these repeats on both copies of chromosome 11 are the ones most susceptible to insulin-dependent diabetes. These people have about 40 repeats. Those with higher numbers — 85 or 150 — are much less susceptible.

It seems that the repeats are determining the expression of the gene. The gene is the protein's blueprint, while the repeats determine how much to make.

Dr Simon Bennett, one of the team responsible, says that the repeats that produce the lowest amounts of insulin are the ones that appear to protect against diabetes. This seems contradictory, since it is the absence of insulin that causes diabetes. The argument is that people who produce too much of it provoke an immune response in the body which begins to destroy the cells in the pancreas responsible for making insulin. This is where the American trial comes in. Since 1992, people believed susceptible to diabetes have been given injections of insulin at the University of Florida in Gainesville before any symptoms appear. Among them is Meaghan O'Malley, a toddler whose identical twin Molly already has the disease.

Meaghan had a very high chance of developing the disease. Tests showed her pancreatic cells were already under attack and doctors expected her to develop diabetes within two months.

The purpose of the prophylactic injections of insulin is to discourage the body from making its own. If over-production of insulin is the initial problem — as the Oxford results suggest — then damping it down could stop the disease ever emerging. And so it seems.

After 18 months, Meaghan showed no signs of diabetes. The same was true of all 12 subjects treated. "We are amazed by the results," says Barbara Zoravich, the study's clinical co-ordinator. Now much bigger trials are under way in America.

Nor does the story end there. VNTRs are found throughout the genome, in at least 2,000 places, including one close to a cancer gene, where they may predispose to bladder cancer. "It's beginning to look as if they could play an important role in human biology," Dr Bennett says.

Bright sparks

THE glow of the *firefly* has been used to work out how plants keep time in a series of ingenious experiments at the University of Virginia. Plants have their own internal clocks, which control a host of functions, such as leaf movements, pore openings, and flowering schedules. In other organisms, such as bacteria and fruit flies, the genes controlling the clocks have been found by watching whole colonies and identifying individuals which do things out of schedule with the rest. The rhythms of plants, though, are too subtle to be easily spotted.

Dr Steve Kay, of the Centre for Biological Timing at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, got round this difficulty by taking the gene that makes fireflies glow, and attaching it to the photosynthesis gene in a plant of the mustard family called *Arabidopsis*.

This meant that every time the photosynthesis gene was turned on by the internal clock, the plant produced the enzyme luciferase. When sprayed with the chemical luciferin, the active plants glowed. Then Dr Kay's team had only to look for plants glowing at the wrong time — in the middle of the night, for example — to identify those whose clocks were wrong.

Comparison of the mutant plants with the normal ones showed that the gene controlling the clock — which they have called toc — lies on chromosome five, the team reports in *Science*. Biologists are now interested in investigating whether all organisms march to the same clock.

Angkor ways

LAST year, as the space shuttle *Endeavour* passed over the ancient city of Angkor, capital of the Khmer civilisation that once ruled Cambodia, its Earth-imaging radar was switched on.

The idea came from John Stubbs, of the World Monuments Fund in New York, who hoped that the radar could reveal details of the city now covered by the jungle. The pictures bore him out.

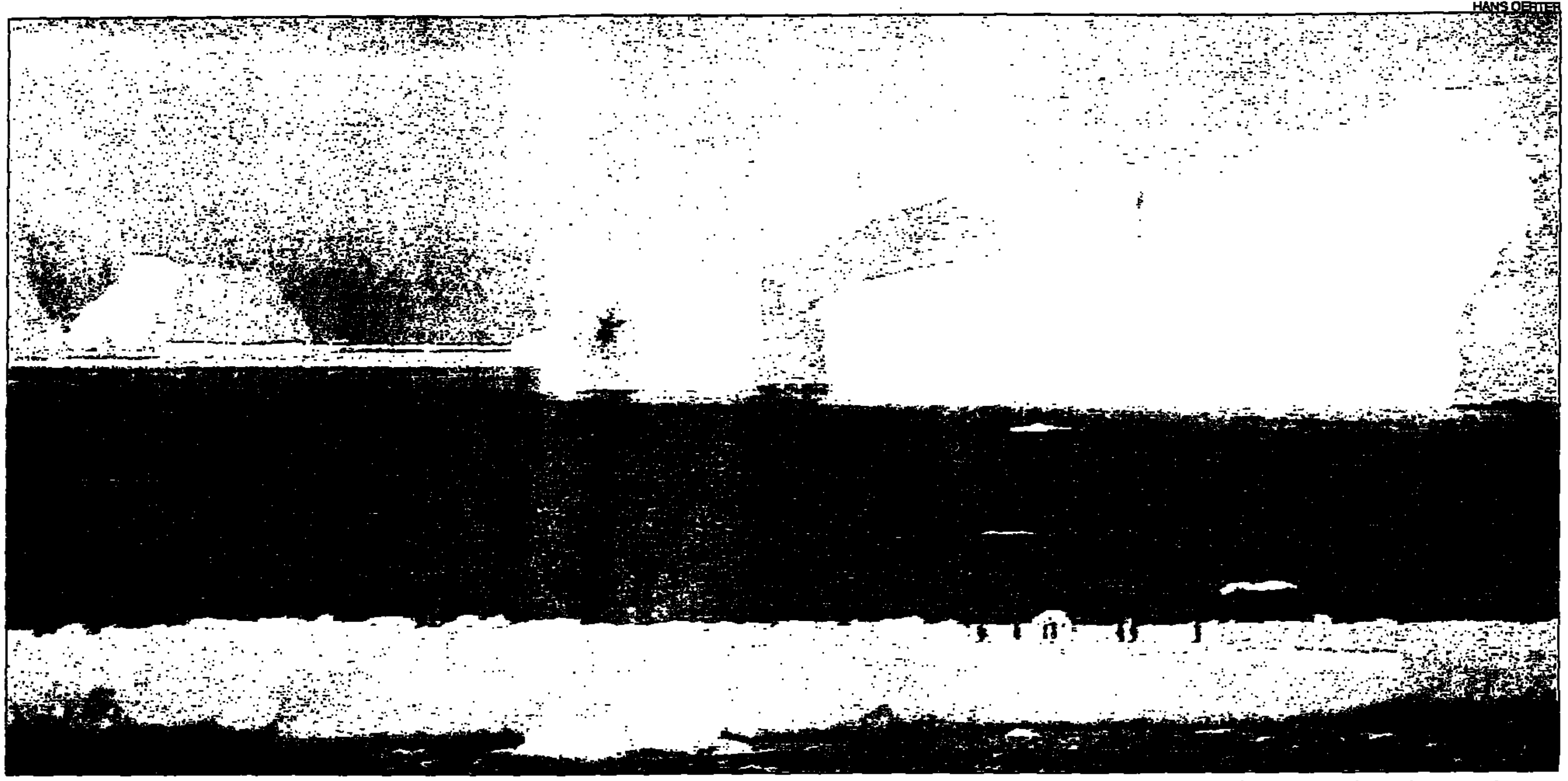
They show linear features to the north of Angkor which may be ancient paths or tracks, now covered by trees but showing subtle variations in radar signal when compared with surrounding vegetation. Elizabeth Moore, a specialist in Cambodian art and architecture from the University of London, has also identified what appears to be a dam, part of Angkor's complex system of canals and irrigation channels.

This dam had never appeared in satellite or aerial pictures before, and nor could it have been seen from the ground because it lies within an area now controlled by the Khmer Rouge.

Now Nasa is to be asked to do more archaeology, with Easter Island, the ancient city of Butrint in Albania, and the Kathmandu Valley in Nepal high on the list. The ability to detect variations in texture and the fact that in open country the radar signal penetrates five metres into dry ground make it a powerful tool.

What breaks the polar ice?

A gigantic iceberg in Antarctica is an important clue to global warming, says **Hugh Aldersey-Williams**



HANS OERTER

A tabular iceberg that has been calved from the ice shelf — the study of Antarctic ice like this helps scientists to predict melting that might be caused by global warming

The dramatic birth last month of an iceberg the size of Majorca is not unprecedented in terms of size. The same location — the Antarctic Peninsula that reaches up towards South America — spawned an iceberg the size of Cyprus in the 1980s.

But it is the first huge iceberg to have formed with such suddenness. The breakaway of the "Cyprus" iceberg was predicted decades ahead. It was merely a spectacular illustration of what happens when a glacier reaches the sea.

The "Majorca" iceberg, on the other hand, took scientists by surprise. It took weeks rather than years to free itself. In this sense, its arrival parallels the fragmentation of the Wordie ice shelf in 1989, an event brought on by global warming, according to scientists at the Cambridge-based British Antarctic Survey.

The new iceberg has broken away from the opposite side of the peninsula but at a similar latitude. "So it is probably a similar mechanism," says Dr Peter Sammonds, of the Rock and Ice Physics Group at University College London.

The unexpected event adds spice to new data obtained by a Nasa satellite which shows sea levels rising at twice the rate previously thought. It will provide food for thought for scientists, environmentalists and politicians who meet in Berlin this month to consider upgrading commitments made at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio to tackling likely causes of global warming.

The 0°C isotherm represents the limit of an ice sheet. The advance of this isotherm during Antarctic summers sees the fringe of the sheet give rise to new icebergs. If the isotherm advances rapidly, then it is possible that larger icebergs will tend to break off.

However, the propensity of the ice to break depends on its fracture toughness, rather than temperature. Comparatively "tough" ice might hold together as the isotherm advances and melt as a block. More brittle ice will break and then melt. Dr Sammonds and his colleague at UCL, Dr Martin Rist, have been working with glaciologists led by Dr Hans Oerter, at the Alfred Wegener Institute in Bremerhaven, Germany, in an attempt to discover more about the fracture behaviour of ice shelves.

In the face of larger worries about global warming, the melting of icecaps and rising sea levels, it might seem arbitrary whether the ice melts first or breaks first. But it is not. This is because ice melts more slowly in air than in water. If ice sheets and ice shelves remain integral, they will melt comparatively slowly. If they fragment easily, chunks of ice will drop into the sea and melt much faster.

Most of the Antarctic ice sheets are comparatively stable because they are marooned on land well above sea level. They will melt only extremely slowly, even in the event of considerable warming. But others rest on land up to 2,500 metres *below* sea level. These are in constant contact with sea water. One such sheet alone, the West Antarctic sheet, would cause a five-metre rise in the world sea level were it to melt. But the greatest amount of ice breakage and melting occurs at sea level. Here, floating shelves of ice are subject to huge forces from winds and tides which break the ice and set free new icebergs.

Ice sampling: Dr Hans Oerter, right, with colleagues

Dr Oerter's group has collected ice from Antarctic ice shelves which include core samples totalling more than 300 metres in length, taken through the entire thickness of ice shelves. With funding from the Natural Environment Research Council, the UCL physicists have employed tests typically used by metallurgists, bonding and stretching the cylindrical ice samples so that cracks begin to form. The progress of the cracks is monitored by means of acoustic emission — a sophisticated way of picking up the squeaking noises that ice makes when you walk across a frozen puddle.

Ice that has accumulated by the compression of successive snowfalls has particular properties. "This ice has been deformed and strained for tens of thousands of years," says Dr Sammonds. "Its behaviour is very dependent on this strain history." Better estimates of the fracture toughness of polar ice will help scientists to predict the likely pace and extent of the melting that might be caused by global warming. Early signs are ominous. "The likely effect of sea water is corrosive, allowing cracks to grow at lower stresses," Dr Sammonds says.

Polar ice can also provide more subtle intelligence regarding past and likely future climatic change. Research by Thomas Blunier and colleagues at the University of Berne, published in the current issue of the science journal *Nature*, reveals the variation in the concentration of methane gas in the atmosphere in the Holocene Era — the 10,000 years since the ending of the last Ice Age.

Methane is 20 times more dangerous as a potential cause of global warming than carbon dioxide, although it is present in far smaller concentrations in the atmosphere. Blunier extracted methane from tiny air bubbles trapped in ice from a site in Greenland. He found surprisingly large variations in concentration. In particular, he observed a dip in methane levels during the mid-Holocene period 5,000 years ago, a time when it is known that many tropical lakes dried up.

The Holocene period is important because it gives us the best data on how the Earth reacts to global warming. In the early Holocene, as the Earth warmed up after the Ice Age, lakes dried, causing biological sources of methane to die out, and levels in the atmosphere to decrease. Today, both industry and agriculture augment the methane released into the atmosphere by natural geological and biological processes.

Since methane in the atmosphere has a large potential global warming effect, its decrease as a direct result of warming may counteract the initial effect. The entire cycle may be self-correcting. But, says Blunier: "The contrary might be true as well. Many changes in the atmosphere influence the level of methane. Some regions might become more humid, and more methane might come out."

Holocene ice contains other clues to climatic change. Dr Chris Caseldine, at the University of Exeter, is examining pollen frozen into Icelandic ice in order to learn about the pattern of vegetation since the last Ice Age. He believes that changes at that time may provide a useful indication of what we can expect to see if global temperatures take a sudden upturn as a by-product of industrial progress. "As you go into a warming after a very cold phase, there is potential for very rapid change," Dr Caseldine explains. "Although we are not starting from the same base, we need to understand if the responses can be as quick."

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Operation Horn is saving the black rhino

Jan Raath reports on a desperate measure in Zimbabwe to rescue one of the world's threatened species

Desperate measures taken by Zimbabwe's wildlife authorities to save the endangered black rhino seem to be working. Since they began removing the animals' horns, which is the part prized by poachers, and substantially increased their protection, rhino survival rates have improved.

Late last year, Dr Michael Kock and Dr Mark Atkinson, veterinarians working for the Zimbabwe Department of National Parks and Wildlife Management, returned to Hwange National Park for the first follow-up to the dehorning operations they carried out in 1992, and came back smiling. Writing in the journal *Conservation Biology*, they report a healthy survival rate among the calves of young, dehorned mothers.

No other large mammal in Africa has suffered such a rapid population decline as the black rhino. In Zimbabwe, numbers have dropped catastrophically from 2,000 in 1990 to only 300 in 1992. These survivors were concentrated in the more secure national parks and private game ranches.

Dehorning was a measure of last resort. Dr Kock and Dr Atkinson refined techniques of darting and anaesthetising them from the air. They also learnt to shave the two horns off at the surface of the wrinkled skull, in which the heavily compacted horn fibre is rooted, and to sculpt the stub to avoid malformed regrowth — no mean feat with a heavy chainsaw.

Some zoologists were worried about interfering so drastically with a species that was close to extinction. Their fears seemed to be confirmed by a study of dehorned black rhino in Namibia by two American conservation biologists. Early last year they reported that no calves born to dehorned mothers had survived and concluded grimly that the mothers' ability to defend themselves had been severely prejudiced.

A rhino ungergoes "protective" dehorning with a chainsaw

Happily, when Dr Kock and Dr Atkinson returned to Hwange last year to search for the 17 cow-calf pairs that they had dehorned in 1992, their findings were altogether different. Seven of the pairs had had calves under six months, and five of these pairs were located. The calves now weighed about 750kg and were ready to leave their mothers.

"That's a 71 per cent survival rate, which is excellent," Dr Atkinson says. He assumes that the other two pairs were shot by poachers before the intensive protection zones (unfenced but heavily guarded areas inside national parks large enough to contain the rhino's limited range) were operational, and when poachers were still ignorant of dehorning.

The doctors found only five of the ten cows that had had calves older than six months in 1992 and assumed, again, that the others had been hunted. But of the survivors, three had infant calves with them.

Better still, during their follow-up observations, two mothers of the first cow-calf group dismissed their three-year-old calves to fend for themselves and gave birth to young — in all, five new infant rhinos. "That's a recruitment of between 6 per cent to 8 per cent a year, which is extremely healthy," Dr Kock says.

One of the mysteries zoologists have yet to solve is what purpose a rhino's huge horns serve. They do not vary in size between the sexes and can grow to more than a metre long. But adult rhinos weigh in at one tonne, and their bulk alone is sufficient to deter predators. One theory speculates that the horns evolved for protection against predators that have since become extinct.

Today the rhino uses its horns with greatest effect against its own kind. Fatal wounding from fighting is estimated to be responsible for more than half of black rhino deaths — another reason why dehorning will give them a better chance of survival.

Like human nails, the horns grow back — the anterior at a rate of seven centimetres a year, and the posterior at about three centimetres — so eventually the whole elaborate dehorning process has to be repeated.

Dr Kock concludes: "There is no doubt in my mind that if our rhino had horns, and even with improved law enforcement, there would still be regular incursions by poachers. But with a good chance of getting caught for a small stub, they feel it is not worth the risk."

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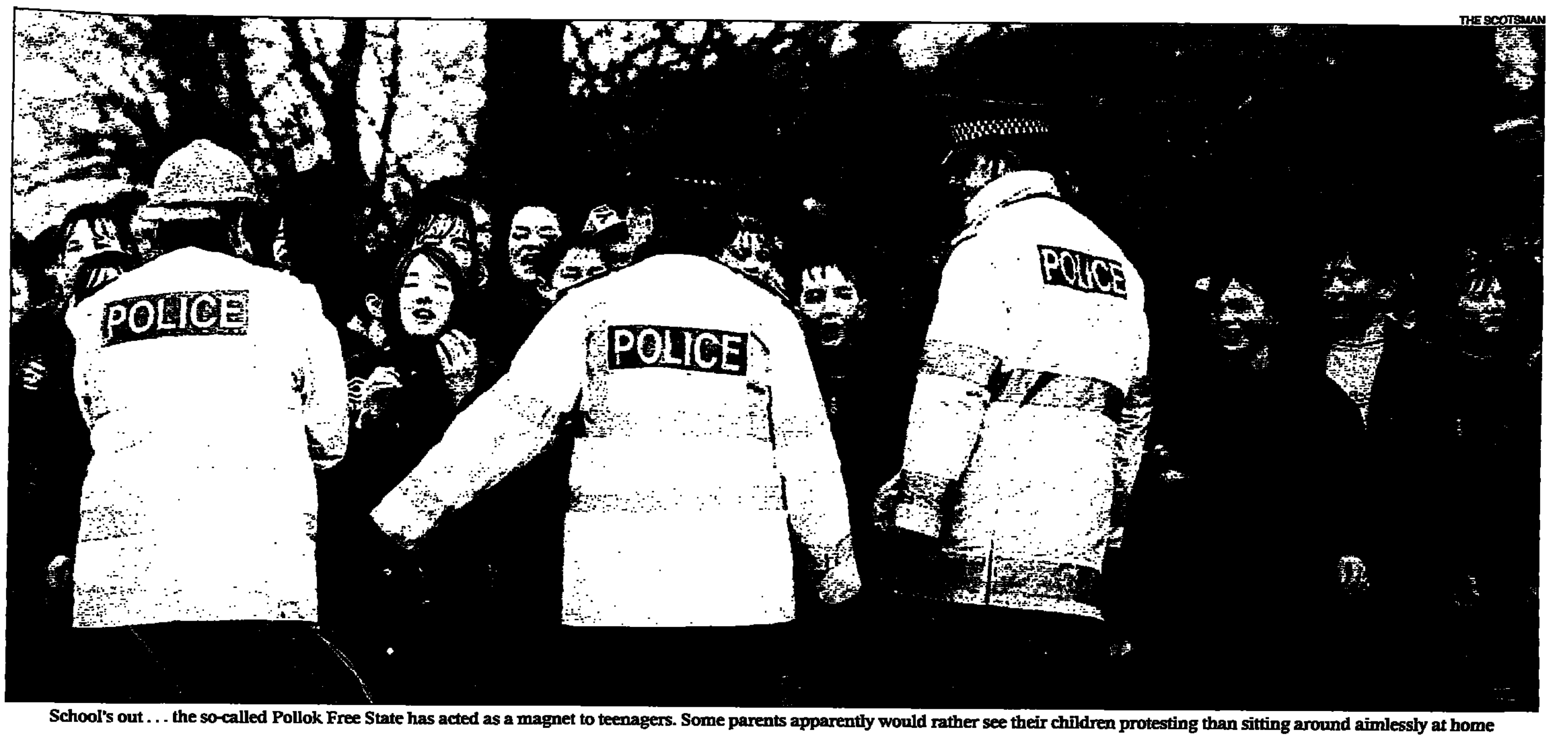
Magnus Linklater reports from the barricades of Pollok Free State

Children on the road to rebellion

Pupils are lured from lessons with old-style propaganda of the far Left



THE SCOTSMAN

School's out . . . the so-called Pollok Free State has acted as a magnet to teenagers. Some parents apparently would rather see their children protesting than sitting around aimlessly at home

The hairs on the back of my neck twitched ever so slightly last week as I watched a group of Glasgow schoolchildren chanting slogans and yelling abuse at a line of impassive police. It was not just that they seemed so young, nor even that they seemed so angry. It was more that they seemed so organised.

Among them one could see one or two adults, offering words of advice. The police moved in, there were scuffles, a few "arrests". Nothing serious, but disturbing all the same, particularly as the young protesters should have been behind their desks rather than out on a busy thoroughfare attempting to stop the building of a motorway.

With truancy already a problem, the proximity of the Pollok Free State site to two secondary schools, Bellarmine and Crookston Castle, has acted as a magnet to teenagers.

Teachers and local councillors have expressed concern about the manipulation of vulnerable children. The police are worried about the danger on busy roads. There has been less concern expressed by parents, some of whose children are long-term truants.

But it is the growing political dimension of the demonstrations against the new M77 at Pollok, south of Glasgow, that is making it such a *cause célèbre*. The protesters who have moved in to confront Wimpeys, the contractors, have built their own tented site and designated it the "Pollok Free State". Members of Militant Labour have been supporting them. Political courses have been instituted at a "Free University", and children have been joining in. Leaflets have been distributed in school, offering lessons in "political empowerment", "living skills" and "spirituality". One protestor told *The Herald:* "The children are more powerful than we are. All they need is a little training. We'll be training them in non-violent direct action. What to do if they're arrested." That sounds much like the language of political indoctrination used by the Workers' Revolutionary Party in the 1970s.

Frank Corrigan, the head teacher at Bellarmine, is cautious, however, in drawing conclusions from what is happening. He says that the school curriculum has contributed to interest in the issue. "If you have been teaching environmental studies in a school over a long period," he says, "you are bound to have a heightened awareness of the environment. Our pupils feel very strongly about them, and they have a right to express their views." He does not feel that he has any control over what they do after school, and believes that that is entirely the responsibility of parents.

Where he draws the line, however, is over what has been happening within the school. He has referred the propaganda leaflets to the police, and is unhappy about the pressures being placed on those pupils who are already only too eager to find excuses for avoiding class. "Most of the children are just getting on with the business of preparing for their exams," he says. "But there are some 15-year-olds who are not attending school and who are vulnerable to pressure."

The difference was illustrated by the attitudes of two children who have been joining the protest. One 13-year-old girl denied angrily that she had been manipulated. "If this didn't mean anything to us we wouldn't be here in the rain, at weekends and after school," she said. "This is our future."

In contrast, a 14-year-old boy was quoted as saying: "It's brilliant here, you learn stuff, they let you chop logs and abseil but only if someone is watching . . . school's crap." Some parents, whose children rarely go to school anyway, have said that they are frankly happier to see them occupied with the protesters than sitting around aimlessly at home.

A militant Labour councillor, Tommy Sheridan, who represents the Pollok district and is a veteran of high-profile protests against the poll tax and local housing conditions, has been accused by a fellow-councillor of being the "Pied Piper" of the children's protest. He responded blithely by saying: "I can't even play the flute," and he is quite unabashed at the criticism. But he admitted that he had been encouraging the pupils of both schools to form a students' union to fight for the right to join the protest during school hours.

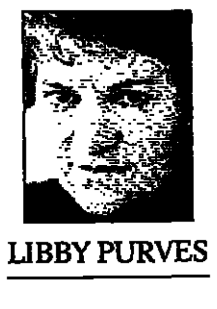
All of which enrages not only the police but local councillors. "Children are being used here," says Thomas Farrell, Strathclyde's education chairman. "It is a disgrace what these people are trying to do. The pupils have every right to protest if they want to. But to exploit them, to expose them to danger, to set off fire alarms to get them out of school when they should be in class, that is just unacceptable." He claims that 145 out of 700 pupils have been lured into joining the demonstrators.

Mr Corrigan, perhaps aware of the need to balance the opinions of parents and teachers, is more philosophical. He says that the number of those playing truant has not risen significantly since the protest began.

The child demonstrators of Bellarmine and Crookston Castle may not quite bear comparison with the 13th-century Children's Crusade when 20,000 young people, encouraged by the Church, set off to free Jerusalem from the infidel. But for a generation disillusioned by national politics, the combined attractions of saving the environment and absorbing the language of protest have their temptations.

Superman, the true romance

Pass the Horlicks, dear, I believe I might be falling in love



LIBBY PURVES

DEAR ME! Try as one might to keep oneself respectable, the quicksand of popular culture always sucks you down in the end. You can live in the country, listen to Radio 4, go to bed early with a nice Nevil Shute and never watch *The Word*, then suddenly, a cruel twist of fashion hurls you right into the swim. Very unsettling.

This time, we fashion-disasters thought we were just watching children's television. But the latest family mania apparently puts us among the knowing followers of a "gay totem", and lines us up with professors of cultural studies at new universities, who burble of "a Nineties remix, with multiple levels of irony, heightened sense of camp and a post-modern sensibility". Good God, what next? I shall be starting to appreciate Quentin Tarantino. Pass the Horlicks, quick.

The cult is *The New Adventures of Superman*. Dean Cain plays mild-mannered Clark Kent, the *Daily Planet* reporter who suddenly comes over all blue tights and hair-oil when disaster threatens. Teri Hatcher is Lois Lane, the reporter who adores Superman, patronises Clark Kent, and never notices that they are the same man. I have not missed an episode, and even the risk of responding to an ironic post-modern sensibility cannot unglue me now.

I began watching simply because it offered to answer the old, tormenting question: "How did Clark Kent get along in his day job?" Some glitch of personality made me, from earliest years, more susceptible to the glamour of newspaper offices — proper old clattering ones with grizzled editors, as featured in *Front Page Story* — than to the glamour of superheroes. Reading the comics, I would skip impatiently over the dreary, routine feats of X-ray vision and superstrength, searching for clues as to what Clark Kent did on the paper. Once he ducked into the telephone box, I lost interest.

And this version concentrates on *Daily Planet* life. Lois Lane is the senior reporter who takes on this harmless redneck as her partner. Laptop under her arm, she flings herself at every story with a passion poor bespectacled Clark yearns to arouse, but never *will. Because, of course, he is too much of a New Man.*

He likes to do earnest stories about old people's homes. He worries about Lois, and often flies home to discuss her with his Mom (who made all his flying costumes herself, after a lot of trying-on). He is too honourable to use his X-ray vision on Lois's tantalising trenchcoat, and when he sees through walls in pursuit of a story, he always pretends it was a hunch and lets her take the credit.

He listens to her rantings, and gets politely embarrassed when he senses a collapsing crane on the far side of the city and has to leave her abruptly, in mid-nag. He flies up to see her sometimes as Superman, but would never embarrass her in the office with his knowledge of her apartment. Clark pretends not to know those little womanly things that Superman knows: eg that she keeps all her press awards back lit in a secret alcove for private sessions of self-worship. Clark-Superman would never take public advantage of his private knowledge of a lady. He is every girl's dream.

Except that, like every busy woman, Lois is too blind to realise that the Superman she yearns for is the chap at the next desk who brings her coffee and enjoys social service reporting. This, oh cultural commentators, is actually a very, very old-fashioned love story. The children think it is an adventure show, and can never see why it reduces their mother to such a funny state. They'll learn.

Ben Macintyre reports on a fraught search for a hand to rock the cradle

Falling into a nanny state

Our American friends warned us: having a baby in New York, they said, would bring a brand new person into our lives and home, a complete stranger with unpredictable needs and demands, alien, intrusive and expensive.

They were referring, of course, to The Nanny.

Raised on British expectations of nannydom we had blithely expected to recruit a combination of a Norland matron and "Tiggy" Legge-Bourke, someone discreet and friendly, with large hands and good references who could be relied on to mind the baby while we went to work or, perhaps one day in the distant future, out to dinner.

But in New York, inevitably, a process that ought to be child's play has turned out to be fraught with unexpected social implications, strange fears and unlikely tensions.

The nanny is a focus of obsessive discussion by many New York parents, a figure more central to their lives than the therapist, the employer or even, in some cases, the spouse. Our fellow New York parents appear to regard their nannies with an odd mixture of resentment, reliance and guilt.

It is not simply the fear of getting the Nanny from Hell, as in the film *The Hand That Rocks The Cradle*, that makes the average New York parent so paranoid, but a nagging suspicion that the whole notion of hiring a nanny is somehow faintly un-American in the Great Egalitarian Society.

America's political minds have been closely focused on the issue of nannies in recent months. First, two Clinton candidates for Attorney-General saw their hopes scuppered when it was revealed that they had both hired illegal nannies. The "dirty nappy factor" also became a key issue in the race for the California Senate, when both Michael Huffington and Diane Feinstein admitted that they, too, had employed illegal immigrants.

A scene from *The Hand that Rocks the Cradle*

Upstanding American citizens who would sack their nannies on the spot at the first hint of any illegal behaviour seldom think twice about breaking the law when they need a child-minder. Ferreting out the illegal nanny hidden in every politician's closet has become a stock campaign tactic.

As Susan Cheever explained in a lengthy article in last week's *New Yorker* magazine, nannies are the vehicles that enable New York's working women to work, yet they are often treated appallingly. She recounted how some New York employers expected their nannies to double up as cleaning-maids, dish-washers, receptionists and, in one particularly unpleasant case, to act as chief pooper-scooper for the family dog.

According to statistics from the Department of Consumer Affairs, there are 300,000 children in New York left to the care of nannies. Since the vast majority of these nannies are illegal immigrants, paid in cash, they have no job-security: those who survive the rigorous demands of a New York family may find themselves suddenly fired, without notice, for the most trivial of reasons.

In return most nannies, it seems, cordially loathe their employers and gather in disgruntled knots with their privileged wards to gossip about the idiocies of their parents.

As with so many other aspects of Manhattan life, there is a hidden social agenda behind the world of nannies, and recruiting the right child-minder is often a matter of furious competition.

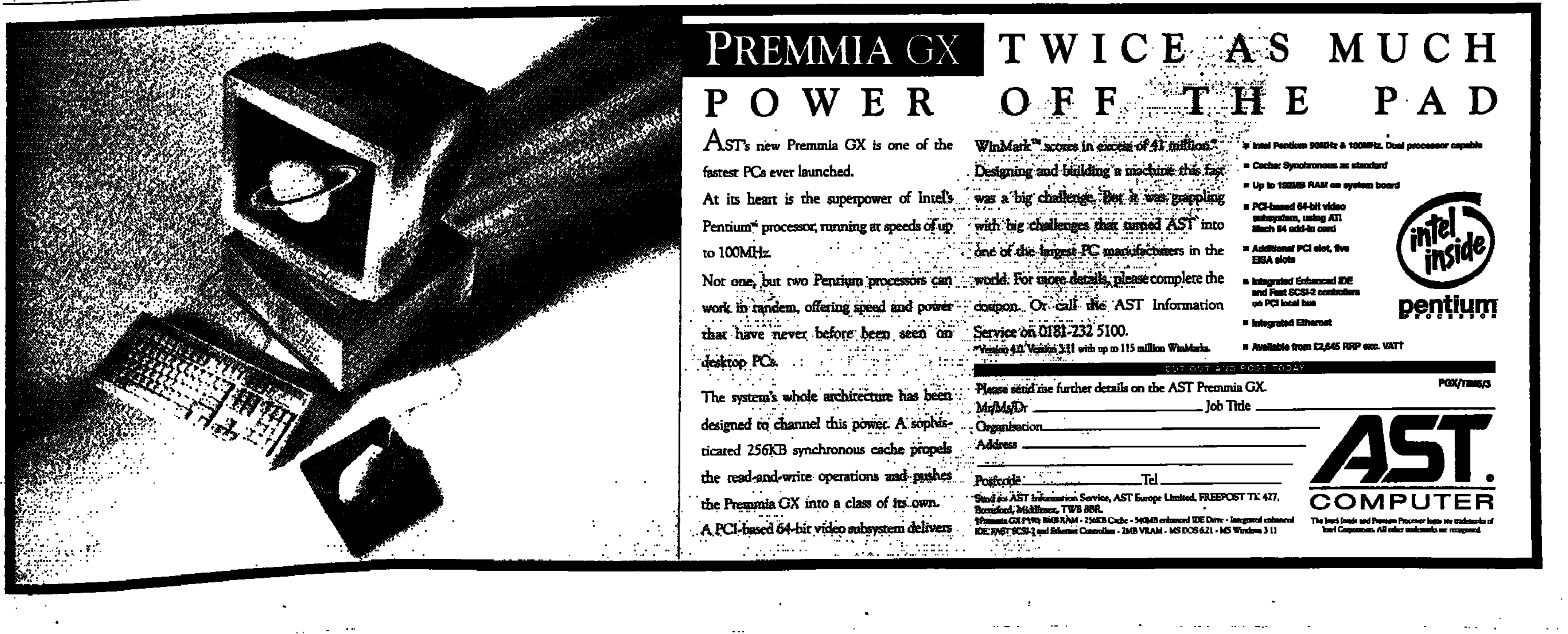
Too late we discovered that truly ambitious parents begin the search for the ideal nanny even before a child is born. Acquisitive future mothers have been known to stake out the nannies who congregate near the duck pond in Central Park in order to identify the most attentive child-minder before sidling up to find out whether the woman in question would be interested in a higher salary.

Having read the *New Yorker* article, and with the dire warnings of our contemporaries ringing in our ears, the nanny question began to assume monumental proportions: would she hate us as much as all other nannies appear to hate their employers? Should we hide in the shrubbery of Central Park and try to steal someone else's nanny? Should we hire a legal nanny through an agency or go the other route and give up any hope of ever becoming US Attorney-General?

We braced ourselves for a long search for the right hand to rock our cradle. In fact, of course, the first person interviewed turned out to be perfect, a veteran Jamaican nanny with the ability to soothe our son with a single word.

"Why do New Yorkers make such a fuss about getting nannies?" I asked her, after we had hired her.

"Because people who want to bring up children in New York are mad," came the swift response.



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Matthew Parris

■ When we are taken back to the actual words of the Gospel, their harshness can be a shock

My godson's confirmation, yesterday, prompts an essay of a religious nature: only the second I have ever written. It concerns the side of Christian morality which from early youth has most troubled me. Christianity offers us a reason to be good, but a disgraceful one. We are asked to be virtuous in order to save our own skins.

I do not lay this charge against the Bishop of Oxford, who conducted Gordon's confirmation at St Edward's School yesterday. It was a lovely, sincere service, and the bishop's sermon was kindly and intelligent. He recommended the Christian life in a way which rendered the question "Why?" almost redundant.

Almost. But I couldn't help remembering my dismay, recently, when watching a revival of *Godspell*. The show relies heavily on St Matthew's Gospel. It brought me hard up against a problem about Christian ethics.

We are very rarely taken back to the Gospels, except in short selected passages chosen for religious services. A layer of modern interpretation has intervened, obscuring the primary source. This enables us rather lazily to blame "organised religion" for whatever seems difficult in the Christian message.

I respect the bishop and enjoyed the choir, but in the end I cannot accept the message

I have always preferred to believe, in a vague way, that Christ Himself was an infinitely kind, tolerant being, and that the barbarisms of his Church were a later distortion. Cornered, one blames St Paul.

I grew up under the impression that Jesus Himself was not a fire-and-brimstone sort of teacher: that He would have disagreed with Paul and had little in common with John Knox.

Surely, Jesus was not concerned with the tariffs of sins, but taught that virtue was its own reward? That is why *Godspell* came as such a shock. The impression — and it was the biblical quotations alone which fostered it — was of a teacher trying to frighten impressionable people.

"Anyone who is angry with his brother must be brought to judgment ... he who sneers at his brother, must answer for it in the fires of Hell" (Matt 5:22). But I do not believe that fear of burning would be the best reason, or even a good reason, not to sneer at my brother, though it might be a compelling reason.

"And so angry was the master that he condemned the man to torture until he could pay the debt in full. And that is how my Heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brothers" (Matt 18:34-35).

Not only do I find this an unpleasant motive for forgiving *my brother, I find it* an impossible one. It can only be a motive for *acting* as though we forgive; fear of pain cannot inspire real forgiveness: a desire to escape Hell cannot inspire real love. Such terrors are precautionary rather than uplifting. They appeal to a rather mean streak. Surely such fears and desires are a distraction from the change to our own hearts which at other times Jesus seems to be urging?

Yet these sentiments are not isolated instances. They recur all through the Gospels. *"But what of the bad servant who sits around saying, 'Oh well, the master is a long time in coming', and he begins bullying the servants and eating and drinking with his drunken friends? I tell you this. The master will come on a day he does not know at a time he least expects and will cut him to pieces"* (Matt 24:48-51).

A heretical thought troubles me. I don't care for the companionship of snivelling cowards who are behaving well because there is goodness in their hearts, but because they are glancing over their shoulders lest their master catch them unawares. People should behave well because they are personally convinced that this is right, or not at all. I would prefer the society of those who are careless of these threatened spotchecks.

"Then he will say to those on his left: a curse is upon you! You go from my sight to the eternal fire, that has been ready for you with the Devil and his angels, for when I was hungry you didn't give me anything to eat" (Matt 25:41).

Are there really no better reasons to feed the hungry? The reasons Jesus offers here are worse than inadequate: they diminish the individual; they impoverish the spirit; they promote cravenness; they inject a meanness into human motivation. Far from lifting our hearts from self-regard, they propose self-regard as a motive. But it is an ignoble motive. Reward and punishment — greed and fear — are worse than insufficient as answers to the question "Why?"; they deprave moral reasoning. I wish to read the Gospels in another way, but cannot.

I was a little late for the confirmation. So I stood at the back of St Edward's chapel, slightly apart, wishing the best very earnestly for Gordon, respecting the bishop, enjoying the choir and wanting to believe in it all. But I kept remembering Tolstoy's dying words to the priest: "Two and two still do not make five." And this essay makes, I fear, an unsuitable but well-intended confirmation present for Gordon.

France's presidential poll could have more influence on Britain's future than our own general election

Now our independence hinges on the French

William Rees-Mogg

There is important European news from France. Over the weekend, the polls swung in favour of Jacques Chirac as the next President; the elections will be held in May. A poll which a month ago showed Edouard Balladur leading Chirac in a run-off by 64 to 36, now shows Chirac ahead by 59 to 41. Another poll shows Chirac edging ahead on the first round, but beating Balladur in a run-off by 52 to 48, and beating Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, by 56 to 44. On the first round, the two right-wing candidates, the neo-Fascist Jean-Marie Le Pen and the democratic Philippe de Villiers, now only have 8 and 7 per cent in the polls, lower than earlier figures.

M Chirac seems to have overtaken M Balladur partly because of the scandals affecting the Cabinet, partly because he is an attractive campaigner, and partly because he is perceived by the democratic Right as their true candidate. He is the official candidate of President De Gaulle's old party, the RPR, but he is also the real conviction Gaullist.

From the British point of view, the French choice is as important as it could possibly be, probably more important to Britain's future in Europe than our own next general election. Chirac and Balladur come from the same political tradition and the same party. They are both relatively Anglophile Frenchmen; M Balladur is regarded by the French themselves as extremely English in style, with his Savile Row suits and his gentlemanly demeanour. Indeed, if he were an English politician his image would seem old-fashioned. M Chirac played a friendly part in President Pompidou's negotiation to bring Britain into the European Economic Community in 1972.

Neither has the prejudices against Britain which are quite widespread in France. Both are men of high ability, but their abilities are of different kinds. In the days when he was Prime Minister, the French called Jacques Chirac "le bulldozer". He is not an intellectual — indeed he can be rather touchy on the subject — but, to borrow a phrase from the Oxford historian A.L. Rowse, he is "the sort of man who gets things done".

Edouard Balladur is a perfect example of the French high administrative class, more of a civil servant than a politician. He is a much less aggressive campaigner than Chirac. He was an almost unexpected Prime Minister, rather as though a first-class Secretary to the Cabinet had changed roles in Downing Street.

This difference of temperament is important, in European and therefore in British terms. Next year will see the constitutional inter-governmental conference provided for in the Maastricht treaty. At that conference, the policy of the next French President will be the policy of France. The new President will be in a much more powerful position than the British Prime Minister, whoever he may then be. The President of France will recently have been elected to a seven-year term, which will last until 2002. He will probably not have to worry about his parliamentary majority. He will find it relatively easy to unite most French opinion behind his European policy: no Prime Minister in Britain can expect the same degree of support. In any case, France is essential to the European Community in a way Britain is not. We may, or may not, wish to be at the heart of Europe; France *is* the heart of Europe.

Edouard Balladur is less of a nationalist, less of a populist, less of a conservative and more of a conciliator than Jacques Chirac. Whatever the formulations might be, the eventual policies of a Balladur presidency would be nearer to the Mitterrand-Kohl-Delors line of "ever closer union". But in his political beliefs and in his feeling for French public opinion, Chirac is committed to President de Gaulle's "l'Europe des patries" in a way that Balladur is not. Balladur's instinctive sympathy is for a Europe governed by an élite of rational and highly educated civil servants, preferably French: Chirac's instinctive sympathy is for the strength and independence of the French people, though within a European Community. In British terms, the Balladur position is close to that of Douglas Hurd: there is no precise British equivalent to Chirac: he is a tough-minded European realist, concerned primarily with France's national interest.

If Balladur should be elected, then a Europe of hub and rim, a federal inner core with second-rank outer states, seems likely to emerge from the 1996 conference. There would probably be broad agreement between Balladur, Kohl and Santer. There would certainly be an early and rapid attempt to move towards a single currency. Britain would find it hard to come to terms with this.

If Jacques Chirac does become President, he will be much less likely to be pushed around by Chancellor Kohl, himself another bulldozer, or to allow the French Civil Service to draw him into a federalist European policy. He is a conservative populist, not a bureaucratic centralist. He has said already that he does not believe a single European currency is possible in 1997, though he thinks it desirable by 1999.

A Chirac victory, which is quite likely to be followed later in the year by a Berlusconi-Fini victory in Italy, would create a new opening for Britain: all three nations would then be committed to versions of the Gaullist Europe of the nations. They would be opposed to further movement towards a bureaucratic European superstate. Chancellor Kohl would have to come to terms with such a fundamental shift of European attitudes towards Gaullism.

The likelihood now is that Chirac will indeed win, though it is not at all certain. He has the momentum, he carries less baggage, he is rising in the polls, he is much the better campaigner. Chirac also has much more appeal to the 15 per cent of first-round voters who are expected to support de Villiers or Le Pen. If he reaches the last two, he will very probably be President.

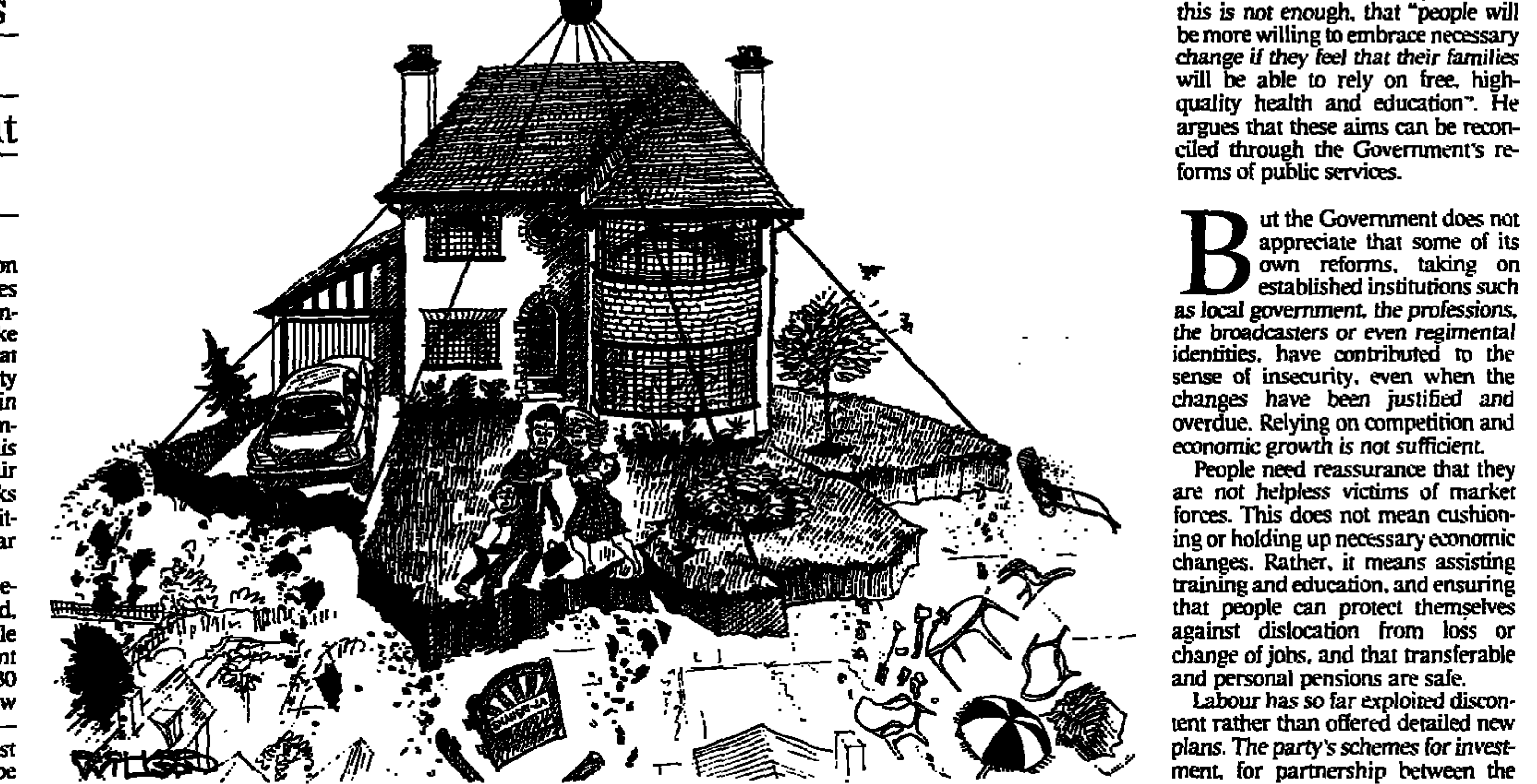
There is an irony in this. The moderate British Conservative Eurosceptics are really British Gaullists. They believe the nation-state is still the real focus of loyalty in Europe, and therefore that it has the real authority. Yet they have a much better chance of winning their cause in the French presidential election than in the next British general election. The future of British nationalism depends now on the success of French nationalism. Within reason, any policies for the 1996 conference which can be agreed between John Major and Jacques Chirac ought to prove acceptable to the Conservative Party in Parliament, and should help to reunite the Conservatives before the general election.

French nationalism, like our own, will sometimes prove to be an awkward bedfellow; the French can have sharp teeth, and why not? Yet given a choice between French independence and bureaucratic European centralism, Britain would always prefer Paris to Brussels. Apart from the single currency, on which he is probably not sceptical enough, Chirac as President would fight for the independence of his own nation much more fiercely than Balladur. In fighting for an independent France he would also be fighting for an independent Britain.

Insecurity is the key issue

Peter Riddell

says middle-class fears for the future are a potent political force



The next election will be won by the party which addresses the issue of middle-class insecurity. As Kenneth Clarke said last week: "We have to show that we understand the sense of insecurity that some people — particularly in middle England — feel at the moment." Labour has benefited from this disillusionment, enabling Tony Blair to claim that "it is Labour that speaks for moderate, middle-income Britain". But neither party has so far offered convincing policies.

The existence of middle-class insecurity is now widely acknowledged, but its political implications are little appreciated. The scale of the current Labour lead over the Tories — 20, 30 or even 40 points depending on how the polling figures are adjusted — appears so big as to be almost meaningless. But Tory MPs would be unwise to dismiss the findings as just the usual mid-term unpopularity.

Something different is now happening: middle-class desertions from the Tories are at record levels. The middle classes — professional people, managers and white-collar workers — now comprise 43 per cent of the electorate. At the 1992 election they preferred the Tories to Labour by 54 to 22 per cent. Even at Conservative mid-term low points, such as five years ago when the poll tax was introduced, the Tories were still ahead of Labour by 47 to 35 per cent among the middle classes, according to MORI. But the position has now been reversed. The latest MORI poll puts Labour ahead of the Tories by 50 to 30 per cent. In recent months, more readers of *The Times* have said they would vote for Labour than for the Conservatives.

Many middle-class voters will return to the fold on election day. But that is not automatic. The decaying state of many local Tory associations and the postbags of many MPs confirm the disaffection. There is no shortage of reasons, starting with the recession of the early 1990s, which, for the first time, hit the South, the service sector and middle-class jobs. The recovery of the past two years in manufacturing has hardly affected these people. Continued corporate restructuring and changes in information technology have meant further redundancies. There is no sign of this uncertainty lessening. Southern Tory MPs all have stories of prominent activists in their associations losing managerial jobs in their forties and fifties.

Many people are still caught by the after-effects of the housing boom of the late 1980s and are suffering from the current weak housing market. This has been linked with discontent about what is happening to their lives. And the Government is getting the blame. The Maples memorandum — the leaked report last autumn from John Maples, the Tory deputy chairman — quoted research among middle-income voters who have "a feeling of powerlessness and insecurity about jobs, housing, the health service, business, family values, crime etcetera and no vision of where we are heading". Exactly the same factors exist in many other countries, and they contributed to the anti-Establishment backlash in recent American elections, whether the success of Ross Perot in 1992 or the revolt against the incumbent Democrats last November.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

International competition has created pressures for many businesses and challenged previous assumptions about lifetime job security, but the Thatcher and Major Governments have magnified this insecurity by encouraging free markets and competition, and through deregulation in sectors as diverse as financial services and the law.

The Government's view, as outlined by Mr Clarke last week, is that much of the insecurity is unavoidable. Global competition and the resulting uncertainty about job prospects are not going to disappear. But some of this insecurity, according to Mr Clarke, reflects the short-term impact of the reduction in inflation and the adjustment to low increases, or no increases, in nominal earnings and property values. People will feel more secure when they are convinced that economic recovery will last. According to this view, governments should concentrate on reducing the size of the state by limiting public spending and thus creating scope for tax cuts. Mr Clarke recognises that this is not enough, that "people will be more willing to embrace necessary change if they feel that their families will be able to rely on free, high-quality health and education". He argues that these aims can be reconciled through the Government's reforms of public services.

But the Government does not appreciate that some of its own reforms, taking on established institutions such as local government, the professions, the broadcasters or even regimental identities, have contributed to the sense of insecurity, even when the changes have been justified and overdue. Relying on competition and economic growth is not sufficient.

People need reassurance that they are not helpless victims of market forces. This does not mean cushioning or holding up necessary economic changes. Rather, it means assisting training and education, and ensuring that people can protect themselves against dislocation from loss or change of jobs, and that transferable and personal pensions are safe.

Labour has so far exploited discontent rather than offered detailed new plans. The party's schemes for investment, for partnership between the public and private sectors, for getting people off welfare, for small businesses and education are shadowy and vague. Mr Blair talks of Labour "equipping our industry and people for change", but too often party spokesmen resist change in individual companies and sectors when it actually occurs and might involve closures or redundancies.

If the Tories have failed to understand the need for personal security at a time of economic and institutional upheaval, then Labour has yet to show that it recognised the inevitability, indeed desirability, of some of these changes. Mr Blair's New Labour may no longer frighten middle-income Britain, but it cannot count on retaining its support at the elections. Neither, however, can the Tories assume that the middle classes will return to their traditional loyalties. They are disillusioned and worried more than ever before.

Tables turned

BANQUETING HOUSE, Whitehall, is to be the venue for an unusual gathering this summer. Labour's leader, Tony Blair, and the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, are to sit down for a dinner in June with single mothers from inner-city neighbourhoods and people who sleep rough on the streets.

The event is "The Great Banquet", where people from all walks of life will be able to discuss the problems and future of the capital. Health Minister Gerald Malone, the Director-General of the BBC, John Birt, and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Paul Condon, are among those who have already accepted invitations, along with business and community leaders from the widest range of backgrounds.

Armani suits and ecclesiastical robes will meet Oxfam cast-offs as the assortment of guests tucks in at mixed tables of ten. A hundred smaller banquets will be taking place simultaneously across the city.

The event was the idea of church leaders, who put up the initial funding but it is now being coordinated from a community centre in Bromley-by-Bow, in East London. Big businesses are to pay £1,000 a head, while sellers of the homeless magazine *The Big Issue* will pay just £1. When the talking and dining is done, tramps will join toffs for a shuffle on the strobing dance floor.

"This will be a historic all-party event," said a spokeswoman. "It is hoped the banquets will provide an opportunity for Londoners to make a contribution towards the debate about the future of the capital and their local communities, and become involved with creating a vision for London." Cardinal Hume, speaking of the spiritual poverty of the capital, added that the concept of a shared meal was "very profound and very biblical".

A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, BARINGS KNEW ABOUT NICK LEESON
TOPICAL BEDTIME STORIES
ROBERT THOMPSON

● *Tiring of being called Mr Ivana Trump, her fiancé, Riccardo Mazzucchelli, offered guests at a recent party a means of remembering how to pronounce his name. "You have to think of that television presenter: Matthew Kelly."*

THE TIMES DIARY

Prize fighter

GEORGE WALDEN, the Conservative MP for Buckingham and newspaper columnist, who was appointed chairman of the panel of judges for the Booker Prize last week, has pugnacious views on culture, and his chairmanship will, no doubt, be rigorous.

His literary tastes have long been dominated by foreign affairs: he fell in love with Anna Karenina (both novel and heroine) at a tender age, and considers Racine's heroines "very sexy".

He does admire some home-grown writers, notably Salman Rushdie, Jeanette Winterson ("the earlier works") and Martin Amis. But at the Cheltenham Literary Festival last year he compared culture disparagingly to politics.

"Much of British politics seems to me to be insular, evasive, self-glamourising, class-obsessed, hag-ridden by past or modern convention, self-important to the point of absurdity, in the worst sense provincial and phoney to its soul. It is my impression that much of what goes on in the name of culture in Britain today answers to the same description," he thundered.

Net effect

STEPHEN FRY has not only left his bewildered parents and co-star Rik Mayall behind in his dash for solitude in Bruges, he has also abandoned his Macintosh (the computer, not the waterproof garment). According to an interview in the current issue of *The Net* magazine, his Macintosh is the "current love of his life".

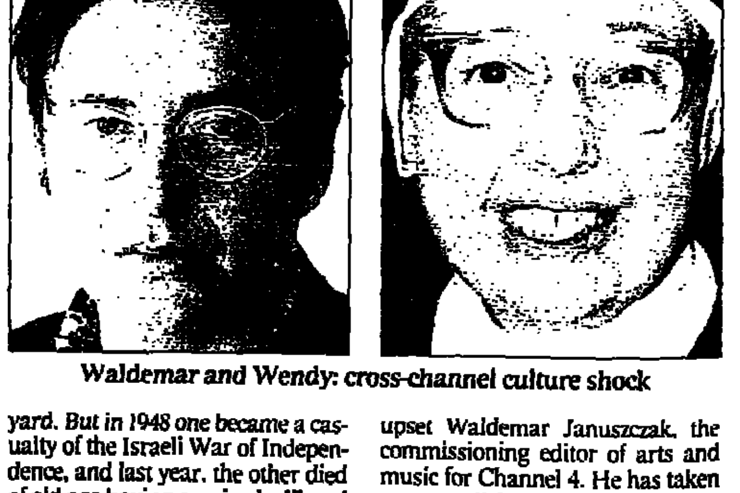
He is a particular fan of the "Newsgroups" on the Internet, where users debate with and comment to each other. One of these, he explains in the article, is "alt.fan.blackadder", where he is often amused by people's rude remarks about his contribution to the series.

Palms up

GLOBE-TROTTING thespian Sir Peter Ustinov will tonight tend his Russian family's roots in the Middle East at an exotic ceremony and party for 600 guests at the historic American Colony Hotel in East Jerusalem, a favourite watering-hole for journalists and diplomats, where T.E. Lawrence once stayed.

Sir Peter will be presenting and planting a new palm tree, to replace the pair originally donated to the hostelry in 1904 by his grandfather Baron Plato von Ustinov, an exiled one-time officer in the army of the Tsar, who decided after many years' wandering to settle in the Holy Land.

For decades the two Ustinov trees were familar landmarks in the hotel's flower-bedecked courtyard. But in 1948 one became a casualty of the Israeli War of Independence, and last year, the other died of old age having survived a liberal spattering of shrapnel during the Six Day War of 1967.



Waldemar and Wendy: cross-channel culture shock

Art attack

NOT EVERYONE appreciates Sister Wendy Beckett's contribution to the art world. The ubiquitous contemplative nun, who had her own history-of-art television series last year on BBC2 and has another scheduled for BBC1 in 1996, has upset Waldemar Januszczak, the commissioning editor of arts and music for Channel 4. He has taken a strong dislike to the good sister's new book, *The Story of Painting*.

In the spring issue of the Tate's *Art Magazine*, he describes the book, which is the basis for the new series, as "gushing" and "ludicrous", and calls it a "proselytising tract for a certain kind of vague, glowing, feel-good Christianity". He ends by ticking her off for wittering on about haloes.

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POVERTY OF THOUGHT

The UN should focus on the absolutely poor

The UN "social summit" which opens in Copenhagen today is the spiritual descendant of a long line of UN conferences in the 1970s, which promised variously to provide jobs, health, education and food "for all" by the year 2000. The UN has learnt nothing in the intervening years about the folly of getting governments to put their names to grandiose goals which have no prospect of realisation. This time they are being asked to "eradicate poverty" — not to reduce it, but to banish it forthwith from the Earth.

The justification for the Copenhagen summit, according to Boutros Boutros Ghali, is that the world faces "a crisis that would have been unimaginable a decade ago: the unravelling of society". More than a billion people live "in crushing poverty", jobs and whole industries are "vanishing"; the "security of people in their homes, jobs and communities" is "under siege".

This is the sort of global talk which makes no sense. In the past 50 years, there have been huge gains for billions of people, both in personal prosperity and quality of life, made possible by a sevenfold increase in global output and an even faster expansion in international trade. Average life expectancy has increased, largely thanks to expanded access to basic healthcare, and so has literacy.

More recently, in the past decade, dictatorships in many countries have been replaced by more democratic institutions, accountable government and respect for basic civil liberties. Few societies are untouched by the uncertainties and anxieties of rapid technological change; but this has been an age of unprecedented opportunity and social mobility.

What is not in dispute is that an unacceptably large minority — variously estimated at between one and 1.3 billion — still lives in conditions of desperate poverty. Population growth in many countries has outpaced wealth creation; and in some, notably in Africa, almost everyone has been impoverished by misgovernment, war or natural disasters. Anti-poverty strategies are notoriously difficult to implement — they tend to reach the relatively poor, but not those without the bare means of subsistence, whose children suffer brain damage through malnutrition and die from the lack of safe drinking water.

Copenhagen should have concentrated on these, the "absolutely poor". The UN has instead cast the net so wide as to embrace Bangladeshis in the East End of London — who may be poor by British standards but who are, by comparison with a landless widow in Bangladesh itself, the affluent of the earth. Instead of focusing on unemployment at the bottom of the ladder — where almost any work would be eagerly grabbed — the proposed declaration sets "adequately remunerated" jobs as the aim. The priority ought to be bootstraps for the really poor; the UN blurs this already difficult task by stressing equality as a social goal.

Governments will be asked to overhaul their social policies by next year, in conformity with the following targets for the year 2000, only five years hence: reducing child and infant mortality rates by one third of 1990 levels; halving maternal mortality; halving both severe and moderate child malnutrition; providing universal primary healthcare; and providing "affordable and adequate shelter for all". Twenty years have been allowed for universal primary education — even in Ethiopia, where enrolment in 1991 was 25 per cent.

This is so tall an order as to lack all credibility. Governments will spend most of this week arguing about how much "new money" in overseas aid the rich are prepared to put up — watched by no fewer than 2,400 non-governmental organisations. Buried in the Copenhagen documents are some good ideas — notably, legal and social frameworks which give women better access to education, family planning, property rights and credit. But the UN has once again made the Utopian best the enemy of the good. To parents who do not know whether their children will eat tomorrow, the Copenhagen summit will seem cruelly remote.

THE WILL AND THE HOPE

A message of moral optimism from the Chief Rabbi

The Chief Rabbi's new book, *Faith in the Future*, is one of the most significant *declarations made by a religious leader in* this country for many years. The reputation of Dr Jonathan Sacks as a scholar and spokesman of the Jewish community is already well-established. His book, extracted in *The Times* today and tomorrow, deserves to be read by all who have an interest in the moral dilemmas facing contemporary society.

Faith in the Future is, in part, a lucid account of modern Judaism and the questions facing Jews today. It celebrates the survival of this "stubborn people" through the centuries in the face of horrific adversity, a survival encapsulated in the words of the Psalm, *Lo amut ki echyeh*: "I will not die, but I will live". In a more general sense, the book also demonstrates the role that religious discourse can still play in resolving the ethical problems of an increasingly secular age. It approaches these problems from the vantage-point of an ancient faith. But it speaks to the widest possible audience.

Too often, those who comment on moral issues fall prey to post-modern pessimism or defer to the relativist argument that all ethical positions are equally valid. The Chief Rabbi avoids both of these pitfalls. He dismisses the fatuous claim that we are somehow less moral than our ancestors. The proliferation of media alone has increased our awareness of suffering and injustice around the world: technology and wealth creation have increased our capacity to address such problems. And yet, as the Chief Rabbi observes, we are not content.

At the heart of his argument is the conviction that the principles of the *Enlightenment are insufficient for a civilised* society. Communities and traditions are, he suggests "inescapably local and idiosyncratic....they simply failed to register on the Enlightenment map, with its obsessive focus on what was universal and therefore rational". The guardrails which save us from moral and social disaster — notably the family — have indeed been weakened. The dramatic growth of the State has meant, as Dr Sacks puts it, "the erosion of our human environment". We have seen the community displaced by the State and the replacement of morality by politics. Marriage and parenthood have become contractual and conditional. We live in a world "without a moral compass".

The most uplifting aspect of this book, however, is its profound optimisim and rejection of moral nostalgia. The Chief Rabbi remains confident that individuals are capable of taking moral decisions, and are not simply the puppets of social, economic and political forces. It has become fashionable, for example, to see the family as a socio-economic unit. Dr Sacks, in contrast, sees it as "first and foremost, a moral institution. It is made or unmade by our choices." If there is one thing we can change by our own decisions, he writes, "it is the way we act as spouses and parents". This is as challenging a message as it is uplifting. To argue that human will is more important a force in the world than social circumstance is to make grave demands of people. But it is also to remind us that we need not despair.

MANCHESTER UNMATCHED

The peculiar pleasure of a spectacular victory

Manchester United's 9-0 defeat of Ipswich at Old Trafford on Saturday was a rich mine of sporting statistics. Not since United beat Wolverhampton Wanderers by the same margin in 1892 had the team won such a victory in a league match; other enthusiasts compared the game to United's 10-0 defeat of Anderlecht in the European Cup in 1956. The match was also Ipswich's worst loss since its 10-1 destruction by Fulham in 1964. It was the most comprehensive defeat suffered by any team since the Premier League was set up. Yet the true splendour of the game had little to do with the record books.

Rarely are whitewashes good for sport. Few now remember or enjoyed at the time John McEnroe's humiliation of the underdog Chris Lewis in the 1983 men's final at Wimbledon. The overwhelming of England by Australia in the recent Ashes series was a sorry affair, an embarrassing mismatch which cast a shadow over a fine tradition of competition between the two cricketing nations. Great sport generally depends upon near-parity, the chance that either competitor or team might triumph. It is this that made Bjorn Borg's five-set defeat of McEnroe at Wimbledon in 1980 probably the greatest tennis match ever played, or the battles on the track between Coe, Ovett and Cram so memorable.

Occasionally, however, sport transcends competition and becomes a pure celebration of unmatchable excellence. At such moments, the perfection of the victor's performance becomes more important than the conquest of the other side. It does not matter that Brian Lara was playing against Durham when he scored 501 not out last year; or that England were the immediate casualties of his world record Test match score of 375. Nor do many recall who Sobers was facing when he hit six sixes in one over. Nor is it important who won the silver medal in the long jump event at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, when Bob Beamon jumped almost two feet further than any human being in history. Such achievements are remembered for their uniqueness. The desire of sports fans for an even match is overtaken by the primal desire to see a *nonpareil* in action.

So it was on Saturday. Ipswich's failure was merely the backdrop to an extraordinary performance by the Premiership title holders. Had the losing side played worse, United might well have scored 15 or 16 goals. All concerned had the sense that they had taken part in a unique event: "as close to perfection as you can get", in the words of United's manager. Perfect football happens only when 11 men work in complete harmony to enhance and complement each other's talents. Such a spectacle prompts not only pity for the loser and admiration for the winner. It also inspires unqualified awe at the athletic heights to which human beings occasionally aspire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Need for restraint in top people's pay

From Professor Lord Wedderburn of Charlton, QC, FBA

Sir, You report the "growing public anger about boardroom excesses" on the pay and perks of executives of privatised industries (March 1). Company law suggests one simple step which might improve the position.

Since 1980, the Companies Acts have required a board of directors to have regard to the interests of "the company's employees in general as well as those of its members". This and other existing measures, in the law and in company practice, have not been seen adequately to restrain the approach of directors and executives to their salaries, bonuses and options in some companies, even where those matters are dealt with (as today they invariably are in public companies) through a special remuneration committee.

The logical step now would be to require every large company to have such a committee and to include in its membership a given percentage of employees of the company, appointed or elected through representative machinery.

Recent events suggest that the use of machinery of this kind on the pay and perks of directors and top executives might lead to greater social responsibility and wider consensus, as well as being a useful way of demonstrating on this issue a proper regard to the interests of the employees.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr Simon Marquis

Sir, The telephone-number earnings of Barings's man in Singapore rather put in perspective the pay of some of our captains of industry, and the current rumpus that surrounds it. The Prime Minister should not think interventionist, legislative thoughts about top people's pay — however "distasteful" he finds it (report, March 1). He should trust in what his party stands for, the free market.

When the remuneration committees and non-executive directors see that customers and suppliers and shareholders as well as employees regard the more excessive rises as bad value for money, they will rein back — in self-interest.

Yours faithfully,
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March 1.

From Mr N. G. Parker

Sir, The broker in his 20s who may have caused the Barings collapse has been reported as receiving an annual salary of around £200,000, plus bonus of £2½ million. Likewise two executives who recently left one merchant bank for another were said to be going for a remuneration package in seven figures (report, Business, February 8).

Mr Cedric Brown of British Gas and the chief executives of other privatised utilities must feel justifiably aggrieved at their public pillorying for much lower total rewards. They do at least produce something that we all use and, by and large in my experience, do it much better than the nationalised institutions they inherited.

Yours faithfully,
N. G. PARKER,
Combe Lane Farm,
Wormley, Godalming, Surrey.
February 28.

From Mr Ian Paul

Sir, The Government says that pay must be determined by the market, and funded by productivity increases. There is a shortage of doctors, teachers and nurses, and each of these groups is now doing more work in the same time than ever before. Both productivity measures and market forces would suggest they deserve rises significantly above the few per cent recently announced.

In contrast, not one of the heads of the privatised utilities had to reapply for their own jobs at the time of their large pay increases. One suspects that the market was bypassed because the individuals concerned would not have been able to compete. It is certainly the case that their awards were not funded by their own productivity increases.

Is this the unacceptable face of the something-for-nothing society?

Yours faithfully,
IAN PAUL,
44 Kingston Road,
Poole, Dorset.
March 1.

From Mr Mark Rimmell

Sir, It would be interesting to know if any of the executives who have recently received enormous increases in pay, bonuses and share options from "independent" assessors themselves sit on "independent" boards to assess the pay bonuses and share options of other executives.

A list of the cross-fertilisation might be quite revealing.

Yours faithfully,
MARK RIMMELL,
12a St Johns Grove, N19.
March 1.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

Global warming fears for Antarctica

From Mr Robert Mann

Sir, The dramatic disintegration of the Larsen ice shelf in Antarctica (report, February 28) should set alarm bells ringing amongst those in the scientific community who stubbornly deny any link to global warming.

I have just returned from a visit to the Antarctic peninsula during which I saw many thousands of penguins *lying* on the ice, desperately attempting to allay the effects of a blazing sun. Biologists told me that the penguin population has declined by half in a decade due to lack of their main food, krill. The krill feed on algae beneath the pack-ice and each successive year there is less of it: islands once frozen solid in sea-ice for nine months of the year are now ice-free all year round.

Further melting of the ice shelves will not only be catastrophic for the Antarctic ecosystem, including the whales and seals, but ultimately for those of us living just above sea level.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT MANN,
4 Hessel Road, Ealing, W13.
March 1.

From Mr Matthew Spencer

Sir, The "no regrets" policy on climate change advocated in your leading article of February 28, "Hot water", is predicated on a calculation of the risk we face from this threat.

The creation of an enormous iceberg in the Antarctic resonates alarmingly with the implications of last month's European floods. In both cases one-in-a-hundred-years weather events have occurred twice in the last five. A simple analysis of probabilities suggests that the risks of change at faster rates than those predicted by the scientific advisers to the United Nations Climate Convention have increased.

By failing to back the commonsense proposals put forward last September by the Alliance of Small Island States for 20 per cent cuts in CO_2 emissions, the UK Government has exposed the gulf between the risks of climate instability and the reality of its own shabby climate programme.

Yours faithfully,
MATTHEW SPENCER
(Atmosphere campaigner),
Greenpeace UK,
Canonbury Villas, N1.
March 1.

From Dr G. C. L. Bertram

Sir, On February 24 you reported the sad fate, through sickness, of the last Antarctic sledge dogs, banished under unfortunate new legislation to Hudson Bay. Exactly 50 years ago we, of the British Graham Land Expedition, 1934-37, were forced with the greatest sadness of heart, and with tears in our eyes, to shoot the final 80 of our splendid working dogs when we finally left that then totally empty continent.

Our dogs had mostly been born in Antarctica and had been our friends through arduous sledging and geographical discovery. But we in *RY Penola*, still with exploratory voyaging to complete, could not possibly carry them all as further deck cargo. And to feed those dogs for thousands of further miles at sea was utterly impossible away from the local supply of seals which had fed them and the 16 of us for the previous two years. So shoot them we had to, one by one, above a precipitous place where nothing could be seen or heard before or after each shot.

Five dogs was as many as we felt we could take home by sea. One of them, Salo, had worked in Greenland a few years before, then lived in England a while before sailing south in *Penola* in 1934. In Antarctica he had worked with splendid strength on long journeys and fathered many pups. So he came north as an elderly gentleman of great experience to live out his life peacefully in southern England. His final public appearance was in 1937, on the occasion of my delivery of one of the annual children's Christmas lectures at the Royal Geographical Society. At its end I had Salo spring upon the table before me and exhibit himself to the large assembly. Applause was great.

Indeed we loved our dogs with ever-conscious affection, and I still mourn for them in old age, these 50 years later.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN BERTRAM,
Ricardo's, Graffham,
Petworth, West Sussex.
March 1.

From Mrs Joan Marsh

Sir, Having visited the American research base at McMurdo Sound in Antarctica last year, I would suggest that far more damage is being done to the environment in the name of "scientific research" than ever could be done by the huskies which have died in the Arctic, after being evicted from their Antarctic homes.

There are the diesel fumes of a fire engine that is constantly running in the event of fire (a most feared thing in the Antarctic), visiting fuel ships, supply aeroplanes, rusting junk under the water, to name a few.

Huskies had become natural inhabitants of Antarctica and posed no threat whatsoever. Expelling them was conservationism gone mad.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN MARSH,
13 Lancaster Drive,
Clitheroe, Lancashire.
February 25.

And some there be . . .

From Mr Richard W. B. Coley

Sir, Mr Richard Langley (letter, March 2) is being unduly modest. Whilst he may not qualify for an obituary in your august publication on his (we hope) far-distant death, he can in no way be described as an under-achiever if he is successful in getting a letter published in *The Times*.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD W. B. COLEY,
33 Ridgeway, Ottery St Mary, Devon.
March 3.

From Mrs Kathleen Adams

Sir, May I suggest a few words of comfort to Mr Richard Langley with the last line of George Eliot's *Middlemarch*?

> . . . for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs.

Yours faithfully,
KATHLEEN ADAMS
(Honorary Secretary,
The George Eliot Fellowship),
71 Stepping Stones Road,
Coventry, West Midlands.

From Mr Philip F. Nind

Sir, Perhaps Mr Richard Langley would oblige by drafting his own obituary and send it as an example to *The Times*'s Obituaries Editor. My goodness, why don't we all do this?

Yours under-achievedly,
PHILIP F. NIND,
10 Albury Park,
Albury, Guildford, Surrey.
March 2.

Hunting the fox

From Mrs Antonia Harvie

Sir, Mrs Sarah Crossing says (letter, March 3) that the fox "runs for his life unaware of his crime".

In saying so she, no doubt unwittingly, makes good Frederick Forsyth's warning of the dangers of anthropomorphism ("Why the fox needs the hunt", March 2). She is, of course, correct that the fox is unaware of his crime; thus he will not repent or otherwise mend his ways.

If it is appropriate to resort to concepts of guilt and innocence amongst animals, consider the position of the chicken or the lamb. Then consider whether it is fair to cull the fox.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONIA HARVIE,
Windmills,
Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hampshire.
March 3.

'Definitive' Desmond

From Mr Ned Sherrin

Sir, Matt Wolf ("Britannia rules the raves", Arts, February 28) was rash to acclaim Glenn Close as the "definitive" Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*, since it would appear from his article that he did not see *the* definitive Desmond, Elaine Paige, at the Adelphi last year.

Perhaps he should have consulted Benedict Nightingale, who reviewed Miss Paige's performance for you on December 20 in such lyrical terms.

Sincerely,
NED SHERRIN,
4 Cornwall Mansions,
Ashburnham Road, SW10.
February 28.

Accident services

From Dr David Williams and Dr Keith Little

Sir, Dr Alan Shrank is wrong to state (letter, February 23) that attendances at accident and emergency (A&E) departments have "rocketed" in recent years. Numbers have been relatively stable and, in some parts of the country, have even fallen.

There has, however, been a significant rise in emergency inpatient admissions during the last year and such patients have always taken precedence over those described by Dr Shrank as suffering with "trivial problems".

Almost every department in the country is now supervised by an A&E consultant, and the specialty has a rigorous training programme to increase the number of these consultants; but demand continues far to exceed their supply.

The current recruitment problem for junior doctors (senior house officers) is not confined to A&E medicine: there has been a 25 per cent increase in SHO posts in all specialties during recent years, while the number of UK medical graduates has remained the same. Indeed, the annual number of new doctors (about 3,600) only just exceeds the number of SHO posts which fall vacant each year in A&E departments.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WILLIAMS
(President, Faculty of Accident and Emergency Medicine),
K. LITTLE
(President, British Association for Accident and Emergency Medicine),
The Royal College of Surgeons
of England,
35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.

Appeal rights if law miscarries

From the Archbishop of Westminster

Sir, As one greatly concerned about recent miscarriages of justice I warmly welcome the Criminal Appeal Bill to establish a Criminal Cases Review Commission (report and leading article, February 24). The Bill is due to receive its second reading in the Commons on March 6.

This must mark the beginning of a new era in the handling of miscarriage of justice cases. But that requires the commission to be, and be seen to be, a strong body independent of Government, the courts and the police, capable of fulfilling effectively, and with a sense of urgency, the tasks of considering and investigating allegations of miscarriages of justice when appeal rights have been exhausted.

Unfortunately, it seems that the Bill, as drafted, falls some way short of delivering this. In particular, it seems to make the new commission too dependent on the police. It appears to provide no reserve power for the commission to instigate and carry out investigations using only its own suitably qualified staff, and it appears to leave the commission with insufficient powers effectively to plan, direct and supervise police investigations carried out on its behalf.

The establishment of the commission, recommended by the Royal Commisison on Criminal Justice, could go a long way to restoring public confidence in British justice. But this can only happen if it is given all the powers necessary to do its job.

Yours faithfully,
BASIL HUME,
Archbishop's House,
Westminster, SW1.
March 3.

Visas for visitors

From the Under Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir, Mr Victor Callender (letter, March 2) said his forecast that "... discontinuance of the right of appeal would make [entry clearance officers] more overbearing ..." had proved correct.

When Parliament abolished the right of appeal for those refused visit visas it created, in the same Act, an independent monitor of those refusals. Dame Elizabeth Anson published her first report as independent monitor in December 1994. In it she said

> ... in the great majority of applications which result in refusal those refusals are correct in law ... The absence of a right of appeal against their [entry clearance officers'] decisions does not appear to have changed the behaviour of ECOs after July 26, 1993 [the date of appeals abolition] and indeed, from the evidence in the posts I visited, the ECOs have recognised that extra care must now be taken before refusing an application. The number of refusals of applications with no right of appeal has declined ...

The evidence does not support Mr Callender's assertion.

Yours sincerely,
TONY BALDRY,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
King Charles Street, SW1.
March 2.

Fear and flying

From Mr Ted Gorman

Sir, I hope that the statement from Flight Lieutenant Jo Salter, the RAF's first woman Tornado pilot, that "I never feel fear" (report, February 22), is an example of journalistic licence and not a true reflection of how she approaches her hard-won (and no doubt deserved) career as a combat pilot.

Throughout a 17-year long career as a navigator in the Royal Air Force I flew with scores of pilots. Most were of average ability, a few had outstanding flying and airmanship skills, even fewer were of a questionable standard. But what they all had in common was a healthy fear for their aircraft and the environment in which we were operating, for this gave them just the degree of respect needed to ensure that they and I stood the best chance of returning safe and sound to fly another day.

I wish Jo Salter well in her chosen career but urge her to remember the old saw: "There are old pilots and there are bold pilots, but there are very few old, bold pilots."

Yours faithfully,
TED GORMAN,
12 Solway Rise,
Dronfield Woodhouse,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
February 22.

Words count

From Mr John Ashby

Sir, *Young's Analytical Biblical Concordance* (1879) lists textual references to individual words used in the Protestant Bible. Five columns of references to the word *no* appear, but only four references to *yes*. This imbalance may be related to there being 25 columns devoted to *man* and only four columns to *woman*. Similarly, *son* occupies 26 columns, but *daughter* only five. However, and most pertinent in my view to Northern Ireland's hopes for peace, the two words *give* and *take* each fill exactly 16 columns.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ASHBY,
35 Bath Street,
Leek, Staffordshire.
March 4.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 4: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, at the Memorial Service for Professor Dorothy Hodgkin, OM, which was held in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, this afternoon.

March 4: The Princess Royal this afternoon opened the Wheelchair Terraces at the Scottish Rugby Union ground, Murrayfield, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's *Lord-Lieutenant for the City of* Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, *Scottish Rugby Union*, later attended the International Match between Scotland *and* Wales at *Murrayfield*, Edinburgh.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

March 5: The Princess Royal this evening left Heathrow Airport, London, to visit Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

The following were present and took leave of Her Royal Highness: the High Commissioner for the People's Republic of Bangladesh (His Excellency Dr A.F.M. Yusuf), the High Commissioner for the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (His Excellency Mr Sarath Wickremesinghe) and Sir Derek Dodge (Special Representative of the Secretary of *State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*).

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke and the Hon Mrs Louloudis were in attendance.

March 4: The Prince Edward this evening attended the Chichester Cathedral Trust's *"Unrestricted Grandeur" in* Chichester Cathedral, West Sussex.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Dr M.G. Adam, *astrophysicist*, 83; Sir Peter Barclay, former chairman, Social Security Advisory Committee, 69; Miss Jean Boht, *actress*, 59; *Mr William Davis*, author, broadcaster and former chairman, British Tourist Authority, 62; Mr Don Dixon, MP, 66; Professor Sir Charles Frank, physicist, 84; Mr David Gilmour, musician and singer, 49; Sir *Alistair Grant, chairman, Argyll* Group, 58.

Professor David Hendry, president, Royal Economic Society, 51; Professor Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, *former president*, Wolfson College, Oxford, 72; Mr *Lorin Maazel, conductor*, 65; Sir Hal Miller, MP, 66; Mr Malcolm *Moss, MP*, 52; Mme Valentina Nikolayeva-Tereshkova, first woman in space, 58; Mr Richard Noble, world land *speed* record holder, 49.

Dr J.H.P. Pafford, librarian, 95; Sir Ian Dixon Scott, diplomat, 86; the *Right Rev* David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, 66; Sir Peter Stallard, former colonial administrator, 80; *Professor Marilyn* Strathern, social anthropologist, 54; *Dame Kiri Te Kanawa*, opera singer, 51; Mr P.C.R. Wates, chairman, Wates City of London Properties, 57; Mr D.H. Whitaker, publisher, 64; Mrs Ann Winterton, MP, 54; Mrs Jane Woodhead, former Building Societies *Ombudsman*, 41; *Sir Oliver* Wright, diplomat, 74.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward will attend the Northern Ballet Theatre's premiere performance of *The Brontës* at the Grand Theatre and Opera House, Leeds, at 7.30.

Dinner

The Chambers of Elizabeth Appleby, QC, and the Hon *Michael J. Beloff*, QC

A dinner of the Chambers of Elizabeth Appleby, QC, and the Hon Michael J. Beloff, QC, 4/5 *Gray's Inn Square*, was held on Friday, March 3, 1995, at the Savoy Hotel, London, WC2, to mark the appointment of Sir David Keene and Sir Andrew Collins as Justices of the High Court, and Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC, as Attorney-General *to the Duchy of Cornwall*. The Hon Michael J. Beloff proposed *the health of the honorands*.

Lecture

Jewish Book Council

Professor Deborah Lipstadt delivered a lecture to the the Jewish Book Council last night at the Royal National Hotel at the opening of Jewish Book Week. Mr Martin Gilbert presided. Mrs *Marion Cohen*, chairman of the council, also spoke.

Service reunion

The Queen's Regiment

Major-General M.F. Reynolds presided at the annual reunion of The Queen's Regimental Association held *on Saturday at the* Victory Services Club, London.

Professor Gerard Taylor

A service of thanksgiving for the *life and work of Professor Gerard* Taylor will take place at 3pm on Friday, March 10, in the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-The-Great, West Smithfield, London, EC1.

Dominique Singer of Christie's dons Charlie Chaplin's hat and cane, among the items that will be on show tonight when the auction house holds a valuation and viewing *evening in London in aid of the* Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund

Sotheby's to sell car that won an A level

By John Shaw

A CAR *that was built as an A*-level project is to be sold at Sotheby's today. The 800cc tourer is the fulfilment of a long-standing ambition for Jim Wells, 50, a mature student among 950 youngsters at Shenfield High School, *Chelmsford*, Essex.

Mr Wells, who trained as a ship repairer in the London docks *and then served for 25* years in the REME, said: "I always wanted to do A levels and when I came out of the Army I decided to do this and become better qualified for another job. I should like to *join Voluntary Service Overseas* and pass my skills on."

Building the four-wheel car using modified Reliant components won him an A level in craft design technology. The engine is an 800cc side valve Kohler, thought to be from a *contractor's grass cutter*, and the gearbox comes from a dumper truck. It was built in *the school storeroom*.

Although the brake and lighting systems still have to be connected it has been deemed roadworthy and Sotheby's expects it to make between £800 and £1,000.

School news

Cranleigh School

Scholarships for 1995 have been awarded to the following:

Sixth Form Academic: Sophie I.L.C. Borthwick, Manor House School, Bookham; Fiona C. Hadfield, St *Catherine's, Bramley; Heidi S.* Cherry, St Catherine's, Bramley; A.J.G. MacHorton, Royal Grammar School, Guildford; Jennifer A. Smit, Tormead School, Guildford.

Sixth Form Music: Katy J. Griffiths, Glebelands School, Cranleigh.

Fourth Form Academic: W.S.G. Lane, Cranleigh Preparatory School; A. Taleno, Cranleigh Preparatory School; *N.D. Ramscar, Aldro;* P.W. Lee, Cranleigh Prep School; R.C.W. Williams, Cranleigh Prep School; J.D. Williams, Cranleigh Prep School; H.F. Catchpole, Aldro; A.J. Barnes, *St Christopher's, Hove; N.J.* Greenwood, Danes Hill; J.S. Wild, Cranleigh Prep School.

Fourth Form Art: W.T.J. Hart, Cranleigh Preparatory School.

Junior Scholarship: B.J. Henry, Busbridge C of E Junior School, Godalming.

Handcross Park School

The Board of Governors, Handcross Park School, are pleased to confirm the appointment of Mr Warren J. Hilton as Headmaster, following his period as acting Headmaster since July 1994.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J.C. Althaus
and Miss C.M. Innes**

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Sir Nigel and Lady Althaus, of Swallowcliffe, Wiltshire, and Cecilia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Innes, of Denia, Spain.

**Mr M.J. Campbell
and Miss C.M. Setra**

The engagement is announced between Michael, youngest *son of Dr and Mrs William* Campbell, of East Grinstead, Sussex, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Esmail Setra, of Streatham Hill, London.

**Mr G.R. Shafto
and Miss K.M. Paull**

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr Peter Shafto, of London, and Mrs Richard Peel, of Hereford*shire, and Kristen, daughter* of Mr Morgan Paull, of California, and Mrs James Gath, of New Jersey.

Marriage

**Mr N.C. de Satgé
*and Miss F.M.H. Salt***

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Henham, Hertfordshire, of Mr Nicholas Cosmo de Satgé, younger son *of the late* Canon and Mrs John de Satgé, to Miss Fenella Mary Houlton, eldest daughter of the late Sir Anthony Salt and of Prudence Lady Salt, of *Ugley Green, Essex*. The Rev Richard Farr officiated.

The bride, who was given in *marriage* by her uncle, Sir Patrick Salt, was attended by Charles Daniel, Emma Everard, Thomas Gardner, Lizzie Haggie, Harry Kaye, Cosmo Linzee Gordon, Alice Rutherford-Jones, Sophie Samuelson and Charles Troughton. Mr *William* Fitzpatrick was best man.

A reception was held at the *home of the bride and the honeymoon* will be spent in Sri Lanka.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
CAPTAIN: H W Rickard — Raleigh 19.9.95.
COMMANDER: R Dalrymple-Smith — MOD London, 25.4.95; D J R Dickens — MOD (Central *Staffs)* 16.6.95; M R Legg — *Dryad* 4.8.95; C M H Steel — Devonport 18.8.95; J R Townsend — MOD London 23.5.95.

Retirements
Local Lieutenant-Colonel A K Eames — 31.5.95.
Commanders C B Dawe — 19.5.95; R Kirkwood — 20.5.95; A R Peters — 1.5.95.

The Army
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: M J B Graham RLC — to HQ Sdist, 6.3.95.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: J M Walker — HQ LC Harrogate 3.3.95; P Whalley — HQLC 3.3.95; P P V *Gaskin* — *RAF Quedgeley* 10.3.95.

Memorial services

The Countess of Malmesbury

A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Countess of Malmesbury was held on Saturday at St Michael's, Basingstoke. The Rev *Philip Welsh officiated* and Canon Clifford Wright led the prayers. Mr Alexander *Baring*, grandson, read the lesson. Miss Henrietta Baring, granddaughter, read the *bidding by Dame Frances Campbell*-Preston and Miss Katie Buchanan, granddaughter, read a poem by Joyce Grenfell.

The Right Rev Michael *Manktelow gave an address and* pronounced the blessing.

Lady Blake

A service of thanksgiving for the *life of Lady Blake was held on* Saturday in The Queen's College Chapel, Oxford. The Rev P.J.M. Southwell officiated. The Hon Deborah Blake, daughter, and Dr *G. Marshall, Provost of The* Queen's College, read the lessons. The Right *Rev* P.K. Walker gave an address.

Professor Dorothy Hodgkin, OM

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of *Professor Dorothy Mary Crowfoot* Hodgkin held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the *Virgin*, Oxford. The Rev Brian Mountford officiated. Dr Margaret Adams *and Sir John Kingman*, Vice-Chancellor of Bristol University, read the lessons.

Dr Luke Hodgkin, son, read Shakespeare's Sonnet 116 and Dr Elizabeth Hodgkin, daughter, read an extract from her mother's speech at the 1976 Pugwash Con*ference*. Dr Max Perutz, OM, CH, gave an address. Baroness Thatcher, *OM*, FRS, and *Sir Denis* Thatcher attended. Among others present were:

Dr Toby Hodgkin (son), *Mrs Joan* Payne, Miss Elizabeth Crowfoot and Mrs Diana Rowley (sisters), Mr Edward Hodgkin (brother-in-law) and other members of the family.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM (Chancellor of Oxford University), Baroness Park, Lady Fox, Mrs C E Hughes (Principal of Somerville *College, Oxford*), and Dr Christine McKie (Vice-Mistress of Girton College, *Cambridge*), *Professor* John Rowlinson (Royal Society) and Mrs Rowlinson, Mrs Perutz, Professor Judith Howard (Durham University), Dr E D Edmond (Liverpool University), and Mr Ian Hall (Bloomsbury International Society).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Michelangelo Buonarroti, sculptor, painter and poet, Caprese, Tuscany, 1475; Savinien Cyrano de Bergerac, dramatist, Paris, 1619; Sir Charles Napier, admiral, Falkirk, 1786; Elizabeth Barrett Browning, poet, Durham, *1806; George du Maurier*, caricaturist and novelist, Paris, 1834.

DEATHS: Francis Beaumont, dramatist, London, 1616; Davy Crockett, frontiersman, killed in *the Battle of the Alamo, Texas*, 1836; Thomas Attwood, Chartist leader, *Great Malvern*, *1856; William* Whewell, philosopher, Cambridge, 1866; Charles Farrar Browne (Artemus Ward), humorous writer, Southampton, 1867; Louisa May Alcott, *novelist*, Boston, Massachusetts, 1888; Gottlieb Daimler, pioneer of the internal combustion engine, Cannstatt, Germany, 1900; John Redmond, Irish nationalist, London, 1918; *John Philip Sousa, composer and* band leader, Reading, Pennsylvania, *1932; Herbert Morrison*, *Baron* Morrison of Lambeth, statesman, Sidcup, 1965; Zoltán Kodály, composer, Budapest, 1967; Pearl S. Buck, novelist, Nobel laureate 1938, Danby, Vermont, 1971; Martin Niemoller, anti-Nazi *priest, Wiesbaden, 1984*.

Battle of the Alamo ended, 1836.

Aspirin was patented by Felix Hoffman, 1899.

Daylight raids on Berlin began from American bases in Britain, 1944.

The *Herald of Free Enterprise capsized outside Zeebrugge with* the loss of over 200 lives, 1987.

Nature notes

Amid the snow and frost, *there are still many signs of* spring. In the wintry sunshine, magpies are building their large, domed nests in trees and hedges. The male often brings the long twigs and the female weaves them into the structure. Some pairs will *have eggs by the* end of the month. Blue tits and great tits are inspecting nest-holes *in the tree-trunks and* kingfishers inspecting riverbanks where they might burrow out *a hole. Pheasants are standing* in the snow at the edge of woods, crowing loudly.

The blue tit

The blue-green leaves are now thick on the honeysuckle *plants*, and darker green leaves are sprouting on the brittle twigs of the elder *bushes. The leaf-buds are also* breaking on midland hawthorn: this is a distinct species, and its leaves when fully open will be seen to have shallower *indentations* than the cleft *leaves of the common hawthorn*. Bright green catkins are dangling from branches of hornbeam trees: they are much more loose-textured *than hazel catkins. On sallow* trees, the silvery catkins ranged along the twigs glitter *as the snow melts on them*: some of the male catkins are already covered with golden *pollen*. DJM

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Then Peter said, 'What about us? We have left everything to follow you. How shall we fare?'
Matthew 19 : 27 (REB)/

BIRTHS

BRIGSTOCKE - On February 15th, in New York City, to Nancy and David, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Claire, a sister for Sophie and Emily.

KEECH - To Andrew and Jillian (née Petty), a daughter, Louisa Rose, on 2nd March 1995.

POWELL - Kevin and Fiona(née Henderson) are *proud to announce the* arrival of their daughter, Katrina May, 16th February 1995 at Haywards Heath.

WINTER - *On January 26th*, 1995 to Anita Hibbert and Alastair, a beautiful baby boy, Thomas Morton Garibaldi

DEATHS

ARCHER - on March 3rd, peacefully, Lt.Cmdr R.G.(Bob) Archer. Service at St.Johns Church, Lockerley, Hants, on Friday March 10th at 10.30am. Family flowers only. *Donations if desired to* The Mission To Seamen or Friends of East Dean Church c/o A.H. Chester, Romsey.

BARR - *Diana (née Hodey)* peacefully on March 1st. Dearly loved wife of Brian, of Rogerstone, Gwent. Funeral Wednesday March 8th. Enquiries to *T.J. Davies* & Sons, tel: (01633) 258666.

FISHER - Edmund Boyd, on 1st March 1995, peacefully *in the loving care of the staff* at the Middlesex Hospital, London, aged 56 years. Devoted husband of Anne-Louise and father of Emily, William and Thomas. Funeral Service at St *Nicholas' Church, Twywell*, Northamptonshire, on Thursday 9th March at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to the Cancer Research Campaign.

FORSTER *On 11th February* peacefully at Pine Lodge Hospice, Windsor, Alfred Harvey (Ken), aged 69, dearly loved husband of Sheila, brother of Hilda and Malcolm. Quiet cremation *took place at Slough on* February 20th. Someone so very special who will be sadly missed by family and friends.

DEATHS

FOULKES - Peacefully on *March 1st Elisabeth*, dear wife of Sir Nigel Foulkes. Private family *cremation*. A Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's Church, *Adderbury*, Oxfordshire, on March 14th at 2.15 pm. Simple *flowers (which she* loved) to J & M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury, Oxon. After the service they will go to the Horton Hospital, where she died.

FRAZER - Joan Marian, on 1st March peacefully with her family. Widow of Charles, much *loved* by Ewan, Lindsey & Jenny & by her grandchildren. Thanksgiving service on Saturday 18th March at St John the Baptist, *Smallhythe, nr Tenterden*, at 11.30am. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to Hospice at Home, C/O C Waterhouse & Sons, High St, Burwash, East Sussex.

JOHNSON - Jane Moore on *the 1st March*, beloved wife, mother & sister. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service at St Mary's Church, Wimbledon, at 12 noon, on Friday 10th March, followed by buffet lunch at Fellowship *House, nearby. No flowers* but donations in Jane's memory may be sent to St Raphaels Hospice, London Rd, North Cheam, or to *Amnesty International, British* Section, 99/119 Rosebery Ave, EC1.

KEY - On 2nd March, peacefully after a long illness, Joan, aged 88 years, founder of Stover School, *wife of the late* Bishop John Maurice Key, mother *of John, Pene, Tim and Rob*. Service at Teigngrace Church, 10th March 11 am; donations in memory to Alzheimer's Society.

LEWIS - Brian Harwood. Died, January 4, 1995 in Paris. Born April 9, 1927 in Wallasey, England. Survived by daughters Ann and Jennifer and his brother and *family all of whom reside in* Canada.

MAY - On March 2nd *1995* at Frimley Park Hospital after a *long illness bravely borne*. Joyce. A loving wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Farnborough (Hants.) at 2pm on Thursday *March* 9th. Family flowers only please. *Donations for* Cancer Research c/o Thorne-Leggett, Petersfield Road, Whitehill, Bordon, GU35 9AR.

DEATHS

WARWICK-PENDARVES - Richard Stewart on March 1st, aged 72 years, at his *home Cudworth Park*, Surrey, after a determined and courageous fight against cancer. Dearly loved husband of Marigold Claire, father of Philip, Sarah, Veryan, David and stepfather *of* Caroline, grandfather of James, Oscar and Charlie. Funeral Service at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Sussex, *on Friday March* 10th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to St Catherine's Hospice c/o P & S Gallagher, Fraser House, *Triangle Road*, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, tel: (01444) 451166. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

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WYNN - David. Quietly at the *age of 80, on February 18th* at the Mountadam vineyard near Adelaide, Australia. A leader of the Australian wine industry, prominent patron *of the arts, and an officer of* the Order of Australia. Beloved husband of Patricia and father of Eva, Michael (dec'd), Adam and Claudia. *Grandfather* many times over. Brother of Professor *Victor Wynn of London and* uncle to Nicola, Toby, Sabina and Simon.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D.J. Kezar
Secretary
MONTREAL, QUEBEC, February 23, 1995

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Information concerning the *affairs of the Company may be* obtained from Mr S Rishi (Licensed Insolvency Practitioner) at Messrs. S Rishi & Co, 2 Stanhope Avenue, Church End, Finchley, London N3 3LX (Ref:SR) Dated this: 27/2/1995
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Arterial Motor Bodies Limited
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COMMANDER EDWARD SWORDER

Commander Edward Sworder, OBE, DSC, wartime minesweeper specialist, died on February 14 aged 85. He was born on February 23, 1909.

TED SWORDER was lucky to survive one of the most suicidal naval operations of the Second World War — and thus to be able to go on to take a highly valued part in a number of crucial minesweeping operations both of the war and postwar years. When the Anglo-American Torch landings in North Africa were planned for late 1942 it was decided that there would have to be a frontal assault against Oran to prevent the Vichy French from scuttling ships and blocking the port.

Sworder was manning a 3-inch gun in *HMS Walney*, an ex-US Coast Guard cutter which, with her sister ship *Hartland*, was to carry out this mission — one which involved charging the boom and breaking into the harbour. Two hundred US Rangers, embarked in both vessels, were then to get ashore and seize key points.

Uncertain of what the Vichy French reaction would be, the cutters had intended to proclaim "Nous sommes vos alliés" through loud-hailers. Unfortunately, thanks to a mix-up in Allied planning (which meant that assault landings further down the coast had already taken place two hours earlier), the Oran defences were thoroughly alerted to repel what they felt was an enemy attack. Lethal fire was poured from Vichy shore batteries onto the two ships. *Walney*, leading the charge, suffered heavy casualties and damage, and later sank. Her sister ship fared no better.

The few survivors, who included Sworder and his captain, F. T. Peters, struggled ashore and spent a few days in captivity before the Vichy French released them. Peters was awarded the VC. Tragically, he died in an aircraft crash before he could receive it. Sworder received the DSC.

Born into an Army family, Edward Robert Denys Sworder was educated at Sherborne School. He had always wanted to enter the Royal Navy but, because of the Geddes Axe bringing about economy cuts in the Services, went into engineering instead. He did his apprenticeship with Armstrong-Whitworth in Newcastle upon Tyne.

While working on locomotives, he joined the RNVR. The Depression, which hit Tyneside particularly hard, led him to persuade his manager at Armstrong Whitworth to let him try to design a new trawler to be fitted with a diesel, rather than steam, engine. To gain experience he joined a trawler with a friendly skipper on passage to the Arctic. But there was no money to develop his ideas and an offer of work took him to London, first to a firm of consulting engineers, then in 1936 to an export-import firm.

On the outbreak of war in 1939 he applied to rejoin the RNVR, from which he had resigned on leaving the North East. He was eventually put in charge of a group of fishing trawlers, converted to minesweeping and based at Liverpool. The 92nd Trawler Group, which worked in the Liverpool approaches, swept up one of the first magnetic mines from the path of the new aircraft carrier *HMS Illustrious*.

After further sweeping operations around the British Isles and in the Strait of Gibraltar, Sworder was chosen for the Torch operation. Once released from Vichy captivity, he returned to minesweeping duties at Tunis and was afterwards in charge of mine clearance for the landings in Sicily, at Salerno and for "Operation Dragoon", on the southern French shore. These operations earned him the Legion of Merit from the United States and the Légion d'Honneur from France.

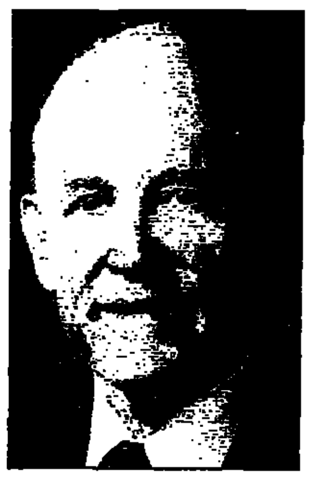
The ending of hostilities in the Mediterranean was, however, only the beginning of the vast task of clearing the sea of more than 75,000 German mines. This lasted four years and led to his being appointed OBE.

His hard-earned expertise was next put to good use as technical adviser to the British Government in its long drawn-out legal case against the Albanian Government over the Corfu Channel incident of 1946, when two destroyers were mined and 44 British lives lost. First at the United Nations, next at the International Court at The Hague and finally *in situ* at the scene of the incident, his observations and experience were crucial to the successful presentation of the British case. At its conclusion he was finally able to leave the Service and took up a Foreign Office post, followed by a commercial job selling machinery in Iraq. Fortunately, he was in Beirut when the Iraqi Royal Family was murdered in 1958 and, because of his prior governmental activities, his office wired him to stay away. He then accepted a post with Coseley Engineering, selling steel sectioned hurricane-proof buildings from Venezuela and extended the company's interests into the Caribbean. This led to him moving his base to Barbados where many yachtsmen who called in will remember his hospitality at the Brick House or at the Yacht Club.

His first marriage was dissolved at the end of the war; his second wife died and his third, an American whom he met in Barbados, predeceased him. He is survived by a daughter of the first marriage and three stepdaughters.

HOWARD HUNTER

Howard William Hunter, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, died of prostate cancer in Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 3 aged 87. He was born in Boise, Idaho, on November 14, 1907.



AS THE leader of almost nine million Mormons across the world — a number which has been growing rapidly in recent years — Howard Hunter was regarded as the "prophet, seer and revelator" of his followers. Unlike some of his predecessors, however, Hunter did not indulge in prophecy. Indeed, he had little time to do so: he was elected to the post by the Church's governing body, the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, only in June 1994, and was in poor health for much of his tenure. He underwent heart surgery in 1986, was treated for pneumonia in 1990, and had a gall bladder operation two years ago.

In addition, a nerve disorder made it difficult for him to walk, and a church spokesman announced in January that prostate cancer had spread to his bones.

Hunter was the 14th Mormon president in a line stretching back to Joseph Smith, who founded the sect in 1830. All have been old men at the time of their appointment; the oldest having been Joseph F. Smith, who was ordained in 1970 at the age of 93. The Mormons adhere strictly to a rule of seniority, and on this basis Hunter's successor is likely to be Gordon P. Hinckley, aged 84, who was his second in command.

When Hunter was ordained, in a ceremony in which Quorum members placed their hands on his head, it was the first time that the Mormons had heard their leader speak for five years.

His predecessor, Ezra Taft Benson, a former controversial Secretary of Agriculture in the Eisenhower Administration of the 1950s, had been unable to speak in public during his final years. Hunter used the occasion to plead for greater tolerance within the Church, saying: "I pray we might treat each other with more kindness, more courtesy, more humility, and patience and forgiveness."

Mormons who had been excommunicated for demanding the admission of women to the priesthood and greater intellectual freedom were urged to return to the fold but, in spite of Hunter's plea, little changed during his tenure.

The intellectual schism within the Church, with a dissident faction challenging its established teachings, has continued unabated, despite the moderating influence of Gordon Hinckley who, because of the poor health of both Benson and Hunter, had been largely in charge of affairs for the past ten years.

As a youth, Hunter was active in the Boy Scout movement, eventually becoming an assistant commissioner for the organisation in Los Angeles.

With a talent for music, he learnt to play the saxophone, clarinet, violin and drums, and for a time in 1927 became the leader of a dance band called the Croonaders, broadcasting and playing on board a cruise ship.

His main career, however, was more conservative. After a brief attendance at the University of Washington, he worked in a Californian bank, then studied for a law degree in his spare time. He became a corporate lawyer, eventually joining the boards of 24 companies.

Hunter's rise in the Mormon hierarchy began in 1940. Shortly after becoming a lawyer, he was appointed bishop to the newly-created Mormon ward in El Sereno, California. He moved steadily up the ladder until, in 1959, he was ordained as an apostle — one of the 12 members of the Quorum, the body given the task of preaching the Mormon gospel, building up the Church and advising the president. He became acting head of the Quorum of Twelve in 1985 and its permanent head in 1988.

Howard Hunter is survived by his second wife, Inis, and two sons.

G. I. JONES

Gwilym Iwan Jones, colonial administrator and anthropologist, died on January 25 aged 90. He was born in Cape Town on May 3, 1904.

WHEN he arrived as an Acting District Officer in Eastern Nigeria in 1926, Gwilym Jones was one of a new brand of university-trained administrators. He had sat two Colonial Service courses, which had taught him a language he would never use and had never formally discussed what he would be expected to do.

In fact, he spent his time mediating between the often unreasonable demands of the central government and the needs of the local people, of whom he became very fond. The absence of the telephone made life tolerable; telegrams could be answered with the reply "usual action taken" in the knowledge that those higher up would not reveal their ignorance of what the usual action was.

He soon became aware that Christianity and commerce were undermining the rich ceremonial culture based around masquerades. When he had been at Oxford, tribal art had just been "discovered" and here was a chance to learn, photograph and collect it. His growing interest in anthropology led him to use part of two leaves to take a certificate in anthropology at Oxford, where R. R. Marrett was his main teacher.

In 1939, with war approaching, Jones was introduced to Ursula Whittall. The cousin who introduced them received a telegram, "Marrying precipitously", and thus began a relationship with a kindred spirit through which Jones's life was enormously enriched.

It was his wife, for instance, who encouraged him to apply for a job as lecturer in the social anthropology department at Cambridge. Thus in 1946, at the age of 43, he started a second career. He relished his close association with Jesus College, of which he became a fellow in 1962 and an emeritus fellow, after his retirement, in 1976.

No mere ethnographer and no mere collector, he was a man whose scholarship grew from a deep personal empathy with the peoples of Eastern Nigeria the product of many years of living among them. His publications on the Ibo, Ibibio, and Efik were impressive: the diversity of topics he researched displayed a deep understanding of the complex nature of these ethnic groups. His book *The Trading States of the Oil Rivers* (1963) was meticulously researched and acquired a classic status for scholars interested in the Niger Delta. The wealth of historical detail and the acuity of the analysis of the economic and political systems of the trading states of Kalabari and Bonny during the slave and palm oil trades have never been surpassed.

Gwilym Iwan Jones was born in South Africa, the only son of an Anglican clergyman. Memories of riding giant tortoises in the African sun and later of four years in Chile as a child no doubt helped to shape his desire to travel. He was brought back in 1915 to the clergy sons' school of St John's, Leatherhead, from where he won a Welsh scholarship to Jesus College, Oxford. There he read history and played for the London Welsh. He put in for the West African section of the Colonial Service, blissfully unaware that no cure then existed for yellow fever.

His love and understanding of the material culture of Eastern Nigeria were illustrated in his book, *The Art of Eastern Nigeria* (1984). He amassed a collection of Ibo and Ibibio masks and donated items from his personal art collection to museums. His photographic archive of Ibo and Ibibio masquerades provides a fascinating record of a central institution in the life of the region.

G. I. Jones represented many of the best features of the British gentleman scholar. If he was very much the product of the imperial era, he could at least be regarded as a highly unusual one. His loss will be felt by many of those in West Africa whose lives he took very seriously and whose art he tried to understand.

He is survived by his wife Ursula and their three sons and a daughter.

PROFESSOR DAVID SOLOMONS

Professor David Solomons, academic and chartered accountant, died in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, on February 12 aged 82. He was born in London on October 12, 1912.

DAVID SOLOMONS's career fell into two parts. He first taught at the London School of Economics and at the University of Bristol; he then emigrated to the United States and taught at the University of Pennsylvania. He won distinction in both the old and the new worlds.

He was a student at LSE (part of Arnold Plant's brilliant prewar kindergarten), and he then took articles as a chartered accountant. During the war, he was a captain in the RASC, and was taken prisoner at Tobruk. In prison camps, he lectured on economics and accounting, so discovering that he had gifts as a teacher.

In 1946 the death of a lecturer left LSE with no teacher of accounting but many students of the subject. Solomons was hurriedly made a part-time lecturer, and — with scant preparation — managed to teach students of all three years. Help came only after many months. The department expanded in following years, and Solomons was made a Reader in 1948.

Already in the 1930s young LSE lecturers had been attacking accountants for failing to adopt rational ways of thought that were familiar to the economist (a sheep's cost cannot sensibly be split between wool and mutton; bygones are bygones; etc.). The year 1938 saw publication of such criticisms in articles by Ronald Edwards and Ronald Coase. Many accountants were puzzled and irritated by these ideas. Solomons absorbed them readily, and tried in his teaching and writing to adapt them to practical work.

In 1955 Solomons became the first professor of accounting at Bristol, thus heading the diaspora that was to spread LSE accounting staff to chairs in numerous other universities. His inaugural lecture was a bombshell. In those days, many recruits to the profession went straight from school at 16 to an office stool; they had no further education save weary study at night with blinkered correspondence courses. (Scotland was more enlightened.) Solomons made an outspoken attack on this system, arguing for preliminary study at a university. This plea greatly offended conservative accountants. It was hotly debated for some ten years; then, in the mid-1960s, opposition quickly evaporated, and university education became the normal entrance route to the profession.

Solomons went to Philadelphia in 1959 and taught at the University of Pennsylvania until his retirement in 1983. He served on innumerable committees and was director of research at the American Accounting Association. Those were the days when published accounts were increasingly being criticised for inconsistencies, not to say deceptions. As a result, accountants were developing ideas of reform through the adoption of consistent accounting standards; Solomons played a big part in setting up the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and provided it with much of its intellectual framework.

In 1960, he published what was perhaps his most influential article, "Economic and Accounting Concepts of Income". In 1966 he published *Divisional Performance*, which won him a London DSc (Econ). He edited *Studies in Cost Analysis*, and in 1985 published *Making Accounting Policy* which, among other things, backs the unpopular case for inflation accounting, and explains admirably how this can be made workable.

Solomons's restless energy led him to travel widely. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, perhaps as a belated act of atonement for its earlier Philistinism, brought him back for a year to study the profession's future. This led in 1974 to the publication of *Prospectus for a Profession*. In 1989 the institute also issued his *Guidelines*, a thoughtful study of fundamental accounting concepts.

He is survived by his wife Miriam, a son and a daughter.

CONAL WALSH

Conal Walsh, public relations executive, died from pneumonia on February 3 aged 37. He was born on August 20, 1957.

CONAL WALSH took food public relations on to an elevated plane. He was one of the few PR men to be equally well-respected by food journalists and clients, the latter group including William Grant & Son Distillers, Groupe Chez Gérard and junior members of the Royal Family. He could turn the most blatant publicity stunt into something which could draw the right journalists. Invitations to his Carnivores Club, for instance, at which guests were served rib of beef with bearnaise sauce, were rarely turned down.

He was born in Salisbury, Rhodesia, and grew up as part of a large family on his parents' tobacco farm. His education took him both to America and to Exeter University. After military service he became a journalist in New York on *Forbes* magazine.

In 1982 his food career began in earnest when he arrived in London and became the assistant to the TV chef and writer Glynn Christian. After several years working on food accounts, first at the international PR agency Hill & Knowlton and then the Communications Group, Walsh founded his own business in 1987 with his partner Lindsay Stewart.

For the next seven years he sold everything from free-range hens to pesto. In 1988 he launched Deals restaurant in Chelsea, persuading the owners — the Earl of Lichfield and Viscount Linley — to serve free lunches to London's taxi drivers as a gimmick. In the past few years he had all but transformed the Glenfiddich Food Awards from a low-key, sleepy event, which had no effect on the food world at all, into the food writers' equivalent of the Oscars.

His African background made it easy for him to get on with anyone. He genuinely loved food, but he had a lean bodybuilder's physique that gave no hint of the tubs of Haagen Dazs ice-cream he consumed at home. He appeared to be in good health and working as hard as ever, until very recently.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev John Longuet-Higgins, Assistant Curate, Kidlington Team Ministry (Oxford): to be Team Vicar, North Huddersfield Team Ministry (Wakefield).

The Rev Mark Mills-Powell: to be Priest-in-charge, united benefice of Basildon w Aldworth and Ashampstead (Oxford).

The Rev Stephen Nunn, Curate, Hailsham: to be Curate, St Leonard, Hollington (Chichester).

The Rev Charles Overton, Priest-in-charge, Aythorpe w Leaden Roding (Chelmsford): to be Priest-in-charge, Hughenden (Oxford).

The Rev Deborah Plummer, Chaplain, Lee Abbey (Exeter): to be Priest-in-charge, Kintbury w Avington (Oxford).

The Rev John Pragnell, Vicar, St Stephen's w St Julian's, St Albans, and Rural Dean of St Albans (St Albans): to be Priest-in-charge, Copythorne and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Winchester).

The Rev David Richardson, Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Dormansland: to be also Rural Dean of Godstone (Southwark).

The Rev David Rouch, Vicar, St John and St James, Litherland: to be Vicar, St Mark Pemberton, Wigan (Liverpool).

The Rev Kevan Royle, Vicar, Church of the Saviour, Blackburn (Blackburn): to be Team Rector, Walton, Aylesbury (Oxford).

The Rev John Samways, Assistant Curate, St Aldate w St Matthew, Oxford: to be Vicar, new benefice of St Matthew, Oxford (Oxford).

The Rev Neil Shaw, Assistant Curate, St Paul's, Leamington Spa (Coventry): to be Team Vicar, Bestwood Team Ministry, w special responsibility for St Matthew-on-the-Hill, Bestwood (Southwell).

The Rev Trevor Sisson, Priest-in-charge, St Mary Magdalene, Keyworth and All Saints, Stanton-on-the-Wolds: to be also Acting Rural Dean of South Bingham (Southwell).

The Rev Anthony Smith, Curate, Holy Trinity, Dartford: to be Vicar, St Botolph, Northfleet (Rochester).

The Rev Peter Spiers, Team Vicar, St Peter, Everton: to be Vicar, St George, Everton (Liverpool).

The Rev William Stileman, Assistant Curate, St Andrew's, Oxford: to be Assistant Curate, Great Chesham Team Ministry, w responsibility for Emmanuel Church (Oxford).

The Rev David Stuart-Smith, Vicar, St Stephen, Clapham Park (Southwark): to be Priest-in-charge, Wye w Brook (Canterbury).

The Rev David Swyer, Curate, Newton St Peter (Swansea and Brecon): to be Rector, Albourne, Sayers Common and Twineham (Chichester).

The Rev Keith Sylvia, Curate, Heston (London): to be Vicar, St Matthias, Brighton (Chichester).

The Rev Dr Bill Townsend, Assistant Curate, Hazlemere: to be Team Vicar designate, Banbury Team Ministry (Oxford).

The Rev Jesse van der Valk, Hartshead and Hightown (Wakefield): to be Chaplain in Lima, with the Intercontinental Church Society and Dean of the Cathedral Church of the Good Shepherd, Lima, Peru (Southern Cone).

The Rev Roy Vincent, Vicar, East Crompton (Manchester): to be Priest-in-charge, Burwash (Chichester).

The Rev Roger Walker, Vicar, Copthorne: now Priest-in-charge, Streat w Westmeston (Chichester).

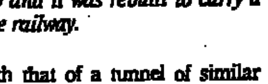
The Rev Geoffrey Warren, Team Vicar, Tring: to be Vicar, St Andrew, Watford (St Albans).

The Rev Derek White, Bishop's Chaplain for the Homeless (London): to be also Priest-in-charge (NSM), St Mary-le-Strand w St Clement Danes, same diocese.

The Rev Malcolm White, Vicar, St Peter and St John, Upper Holloway (London): to be part-time Team Minister, Burnham Team Ministry (Oxford).

ON THIS DAY

March 6 1850



The designer of the Britannia Bridge was Robert Stephenson (1803-59), son of the locomotive engineer. A fire damaged the bridge in 1970 and it was rebuilt to carry a road above the railway.

OPENING OF BRITANNIA TUBULAR BRIDGE

THE FIRST TRAIN THROUGH MENAI STRAITS

The opening of this magnificent structure, looked forward to with so much interest, came off this day at dawn, with the grandest success. At half-past 6 o'clock a.m., three powerful engines (the Cambria, the St. David and the Pegasus) of from 50 to 60-horse power each, decorated with flags of all nations and union jacks steamed up and harnessed together, started from the Bangor-station, carrying Mr Stephenson, who drove the first engine through the tube.

At precisely 7 o'clock the adventurous convoy, progressing at a speed of seven miles an hour, were lost sight of in the recess of the vast iron corridor. The locomotives were propelled at a slow and stately pace, with the view of boldly proving by means of a dead weight the calibre of the bridge at every hazard. The appearance of the interior of the tube during the interesting experiment was of a novel and remarkable character. The pauses that occurred during the progress of the transit furnished an imposing view of the interior of the gigantic structure, which, as contrasted with that of a tunnel of similar length, was rendered comparatively cheerful by the recurrence of loopholes of light.

The locomotives were brought to a standstill in the centre of each of the great spans, without causing the slighest strain or deflection. The first process — that of going through the tube and returning — occupied altogether 10 minutes. The second experimental convoy that went through consisted of 24 heavily-laden waggons, filled with huge blocks of Brymbo coal, in all, engines included, an aggregate weight of 300 tons.

During the passage of this experimental train through the tube, a breathless silence prevailed that was almost solemn, until the train rushed out exultingly, and with colours flying, on the other side of the tube, when loud acclamations arose, followed at intervals by the rattle of artillery down the straits.

An ordeal stranger still was then resorted to: a train of 200 tons of coals was allowed to rest, with all its weight, for two hours in the centre of the Carmarthenshire tube, and at the end of the time, on the load being removed, it was found to have caused a deflection of only four-tenths of an inch.

It being now nearly 12 o'clock another testing train was prepared to be taken through the tube. It consisted of the three engines, the 200 tons of coal, and from 30 to 40 railway carriages containing between 600 to 700 passengers packed together as closely as figs in a basket, all so clamourous and eager to "go through the tube," that is became impossible to accommodate them.

At length, obediently to a long wild whistle, the train glided slowly into the interior, saluted by a loud burst of "Rule Britannia" from an array of Liverpool seamen up aloft in the towers at the entrance, on the front of which, cut deeply in the stone, were the words "Erected Anno Domini, 1850: Robert Stephenson, Engineer."

THE TIMES TODAY

MONDAY MARCH 6 1995

NEWS

Bonus demands in Barings deal

■ Two Dutch banking rivals were locked in negotiations last night to buy Barings as concern grew about an alleged lack of control at the top of the stricken merchant bank during the disastrous Singapore dealings by Nick Leeson.

A last-minute stumbling block was understood to be the demand by senior executives for bonuses totalling more than £100 million.......... **Pages 1, 5, 44**

Scots threaten Clause 4 crusade

■ Tony Blair is expected to warn the Scottish Labour Party that it could damage the movement's prospects of power if it opposes his crusade to ditch Clause 4. The Labour leader will deliver a tough message on Friday shortly before the party it casts a vote that could represent the most serious setback to Mr Blair since he took over in July.......... **Pages 1, 18**

Dean's denial

The Dean of Lincoln, the Very Rev Brandon Jackson, told his cathedral congregation that he had never had an affair with a woman former verger...... **Page 1**

Peseta plunges

The European Union's Monetary Committee held an emergency session after a record low for the Spanish peseta and fears that Madrid could seek a devaluation or leave the ERM.......... **Page 1**

Tory dismay

Senior Conservatives appealed for party unity as research suggested they could lose more than 1,000 seats in May's local elections.......... **Page 2**

Church militant

A clergyman who conducted Holy Communion for five breakaway Norfolk parishes described them as "the roast beef of old England . . . all that is best in the English character and the English countryside".......... **Page 3**

Fossil drain

Valuable fossils may be lost to museums abroad because they lack the protection given to works of art.......... **Page 6**

Adams cash row

Conservative MPs voiced anger over claims that Gerry Adams might win substantial compensation from Britain for years of being barred from visiting the mainland.......... **Page 2**

Plane safety

Two investigations into the maintenance of Britain's commercial airline fleet have been launched amid concern over mechanics' safety standards.......... **Page 7**

Tenants on trial

Tenants moving into a housing estate with a reputation for drugs, burglary and violence are being put on six months' "probation" in a pioneer scheme designed to cut crime.......... **Page 8**

Poverty's fetters

A newborn baby lying strangely still in sub-Saharan Africa and his illiterate young mother personify many of the problems facing the UN Social Summit in Copenhagen.......... **Page 11**

Croatian aid

European foreign ministers meet today to see whether extending aid to Croatia can avert a United Nations pull-out.......... **Page 12**

Guiding spirit

China's ailing paramount leader Deng Xiaoping was the ghost at the feast when the country's parliament, the National People's Congress, held its inaugural session.......... **Page 11**

Race of rivals

Edouard Balladur went on the offensive as opinion polls showed him trailing his Gaullist rival Jacques Chirac for the first time in France's presidential election campaign.......... **Page 13**

Bars and stars in good jails guide

■ Prisoners will soon be able to consult a consumer's guide to see what sort of facilities they should be getting and the best place to go for a transfer. Oxford University Press, better known for dictionaries and academic works, will next month publish *The Prisoners' Handbook*, compiled by an inmate serving seven years for armed robbery.......... **Page 1**

JUDA NGWENYA

Supporters of South Africa's Inkatha Freedom Party dancing at a rally yesterday after Chief Buthelezi suspended its boycott of parliament. He gave President Mandela a month to arrange international mediation over the powers of provinces. Page 11

BUSINESS

Barings: ING, the Dutch bank, was favourite to buy the collapsed merchant bank as talks continued between the administrators and would-be buyers.......... **Page 44**

Currency crisis: Central banks moved to halt the dollar's slide and the European Union Monetary Committee met in emergency session.......... **Page 44**

Power surge: Shares in National Power and Powergen are expected to achieve an instant premium today after confirmation that the £4 billion sale has been heavily oversubscribed.......... **Page 44**

Wellcome deadline: No sign yet of the rumoured counterbidder for Wellcome as Glaxo's £9 billion offer for the drugs group nears its Wednesday closing date... **Page 44**

ARTS

Princely reception: The artist "formerly known as Prince" is back in Britain in an unfamiliar musical guise. The Wembley Arena crowd still adored him.......... **Page 15**

Book bonanza: *The Times* Penguin Festival of Fiction is leafing its way across the country throughout March. Kate Bassett catches up with it in London.......... **Page 15**

Viol bodies: Why did Henry Purcell writes a series of masterpieces for a defunct musical ensemble? Richard Morrison solves a 300-year-old puzzle.......... **Page 14**

Sussex line-up: In the first year of their double act as joint bosses of the Chichester Festival Theatre, Sir Derek Jacobi and Duncan Weldon unveil a star-studded package for the summer.......... **Page 15**

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Rebel call: Old-style propaganda of the far Left is luring pupils to "Pollok Free State", a protest against a Scottish motorway.......... **Page 17**

Child's play? The task of finding the right nanny in New York is anything but, reports Ben Macintyre.......... **Page 17**

EDUCATION

State rooms: The idea of state boarding schools is attracting more interest from parents.......... **Page 37**

MIND AND MATTER

Cold comfort: An iceberg the size of Majorca has formed in the Antarctic in just a few weeks. Is it a clue to global warming?.......... **Page 16**

SPORT

Football: Andy Cole claimed five goals as Manchester United produced the most comprehensive victory in the history of the FA Carling Premiership by beating Ipswich Town 9-0.......... **Pages 23, 26**

Rugby Union: Scotland's victory over Wales means the grand slam, triple crown, five nations' championship and Calcutta Cup are all at stake when the Scots meet England on March 18.......... **Page 30**

Rugby League: A record 22-10 victory for Wales in France secured them the John Smith's European championship for the first time in 57 years.......... **Page 24**

Figure-skating: Clive Shorten, Britain's second string, joined Steven Cousins in qualifying for the world figure skating championships at Birmingham.......... **Page 24**

Cross-country: Paula Radcliffe and Spencer Duval won the senior British trials and were named in the team for the world cross-country championships in Durham on March 25.......... **Page 25**

Boxing: Naseem Hamed, the Sheffield bantamweight, successfully defended his WBC international title when he knocked out Sergio Liendo of Argentina inside two rounds.......... **Page 25**

Sport in schools: Some 2,300 runners battled through the mud at the 36th English schools cross-country championships at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.......... **Page 29**

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ OH SUSANNAH
Susannah York, a West End star, takes to the fringe

■ DUTY FREE AT 20p
How to pick up £20 worth of duty free for the price of *The Times*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Ann Mitchell returns as the gangster Dolly Rawlins in a new series from Lynda La Plante: *She's Out* (ITV, 9pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss bids a fond farewell to Edith Wharton's characters in *The Buccaneers* (BBC1).......... **Page 43**

OPINION

Poverty of thought

To parents who do not know whether their children will eat tomorrow, the UN Copenhagen summit will seem cruelly remote.......... **Page 19**

The will and the hope

At the heart of the Chief Rabbi's argument is the conviction that the principles of the Enlightenment are insufficient for a civilised society.......... **Page 19**

United unmatched

Ipswich's failure was merely the backdrop to an extraordinary performance by the Premiership title holders.......... **Page 19**

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

For the British, the French choice of president is as important as it could possibly be, probably more important to Britain's future in Europe than our own next general election.......... **Page 18**

PETER RIDDELL

People need reassurance that they are not helpless victims of market forces.......... **Page 18**

OBITUARIES

Commander Edward Sworder, wartime minesweeper specialist; Howard Hunter, president of the Mormon church; G.I.Jones, colonial administrator and anthropologist.......... **Page 21**

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Executive pay and bankers' bonuses: Archbishop Hume on miscarriages of justice; huskies and penguins.......... **Page 19**

THE PAPERS

Writing off Mr Yeltsin can only be taken as an effort by Washington to tinker with volatile political dynamics in Moscow, and is sure to backfire.

The New York Times

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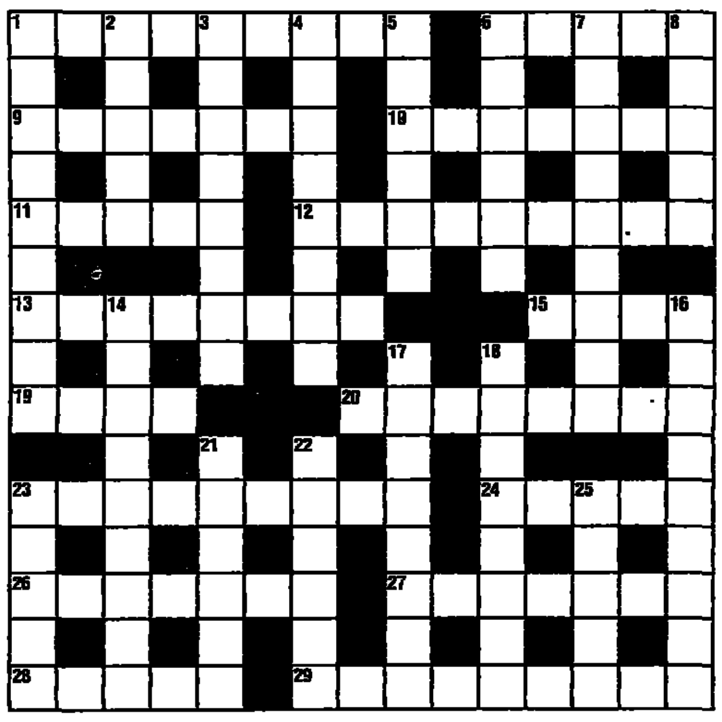

ACROSS

1 Flippant about a point — a point which appears relevant (9)
6 Barker, civic leader or soldier? (5)
9 Gain the utmost benefit from enterprise (7)
10 Masseur working for a Renaissance man (7)
11 She's held back by her vain attitude (5)
12 Allowing of sales-pitch communication (9)
13 23 *ac* people contest (4,4)
15 Make all adjustments necessary in the current recession (4)
19 See trainees do nothing strenuous (4)
20 Twists and bamboozles without infraction of the law (8)
23 Former coppers have a just claim, that's clear (9)
24 Smoother means of transport (5)
26 Send to examine the evidence (7)
27 A number take a cereal from sheer greed (7)
28 View only some of the play (5)
29 Specially-designed chalet — it's to be used for sporting activities (9)

DOWN

1 Ten fill up maybe as there's ample (9)
2 Tear over to a place in Northern England (5)
3 "Exaltation" is one work to the French taste (8)
4 Access will bring pleasure here (8)
5 The woman playing Hamlet (6)
6 Rows within the Church would be unseemly (6)
7 What prompts one to retain a balance (9)
8 The matter is to go to court (5)
14 Pay for toleration (9)
16 Let assets go to pot, which is not *comme il faut* (9)
17 Provision for basic refreshment (8)
18 Put wise about the highest cash deduction (8)
21 Giving the little page an increase in pay, express appreciation (6)
22 Meeting points (6)
23 Clips broad-leaved plants (5)
25 The defence offered "in another place" (5)

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KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,794 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 9C (48F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Glasgow, Tiree, Inner Hebrides, St Mawgan, Cornwall, 0.24in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 10.1hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** most regions will have showers with clear or sunny spells. In eastern parts of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland the showers will be scattered and mainly light. In more northern and western regions the showers will be heavier and more prolonged at times. Over the higher ground, and more exposed western regions, the showers will be wintry, with hail or snow and drifting in the winds. Winds will be northwesterly, and though temperatures will be around the seasonal normal, it will feel cold in the wind.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles:** sunny or clear spells with occasional showers, some wintry. Winds northwesterly, fresh to strong. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **W Midlands, SW England, S Wales:** showers at first, more continuous sleet or snow later. Wind northwest, becoming west, fresh to strong. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** after a bright start, becoming cloudy with outbreaks of sleet or snow. Wind northwesterly fresh to strong. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** clear or sunny spells with occasional showers. Wind northwesterly strong, locally gale. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Central Highlands, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy, frequent wintry showers. Wind northwesterly strong to gale. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Outlook:** staying cold with rain, sleet or snow spreading from the west.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9 3	-	5	41	s
Anglesey	6 3	0 11	6	43	h
Aspatria	6 2	-	5	41	sn
Aviemore	8 3	-	3	37	s
Belfast	1 9	-	3	37	sn
Birmingham	8 7	0 43	4	39	s
Bognor R	8 0	0 14	8	46	s
Bournem'th	5 1	0 05	7	45	s
Bristol	8 0	0 09	7	45	s
Buxton	4 8	0 22	1	34	b
Cardiff	6 7	0 14	6	43	h
Clacton	7 2	0 17	6	43	s
Colwyn Bay	8 4	0 42	7	45	s
Cromer	-	0 86	3	37	sn
Doncaster	4 9	0 03	5	41	b
Eastbourne	9 8	0 20	7	45	s
Edinburgh	6 1	-	4	39	s
Eskdalemuir	8 7	-	3	37	s
Exmouth	4 3	0 10	6	43	sn
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Glasgow	8 6	-	3	37	s
Guernsey	4 8	0 23	9	48	h
Hastings	9 8	0 16	8	46	s
Hayling I	6 8	0 11	7	45	s
Herne Bay	9 5	0 21	6	43	s
Hove	5 7	0 11	7	45	b
Hunstanton	0 7	0 42	4	39	sn
Isle of Man	7 5	-	5	41	s
Jersey	4 0	0 18	9	48	h
Kinloss	9 2	-	5	41	s
Leeds	8 3	0 06	6	43	s
Lerwick	6 9	0.01	5	41	h
Leuchars	8 4	-	5	41	s
Littlehmptn	8 4	0 07	7	45	s
Liverpool	3 5	0 13	4	39	sn
London	9 8	0 22	6	43	s
Lowestoft	-	0 26	3	37	du
Manchester	2 6	0 03	5	41	sn
Margate	9 8	0 15	6	43	s
Minehead	3 6	0 19	6	43	sl
Morecambe	7 0	0 20	5	41	sn
Newcastle	6 4	-	5	41	sn
Newquay	x				
Norwich	-	0 91	3	37	sn
Nottingham	x				
Oxford	8 7	0 52	5	41	s
Penzance	4 9	0 08	9	48	h
Plymouth	4 8	0 09	7	45	h
Poole	5 1	0 14	8	46	s
Prestatyn	x	0 21	7	45	s
Ross-o-wye	8 5	0 30	6	43	s
Ryde	x				
Salcombe	x				
Sandown	5 4	0 15	7	45	s
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Southsea	7 1	0 09	7	45	s
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Teignmouth	3 7	0 07	7	45	sl
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These are Saturday's figures

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	12	54	s
Akrotiri	22	72	s
Alex'dria	20	68	s
Algiers	17	63	s
Amst'dm	4	39	c
Athens	17	63	s
Bahrain	22	72	s
Bangkok	30	86	f
Barbados	29	84	f
Barcelona	12	54	c
Beirut	24	75	s
Belgrade	11	52	f
Berlin	6	43	s
Bermuda	22	72	f
Biarritz	13	55	r
Borde'x	12	54	r
Brussels	2	36	sl
Budapest	5	41	f
B Aires	23	73	s
Cairo	27	81	s
Chicago	4	39	f
Ch'church	19	66	-
Cologne	2	36	sl
C'phagn	3	37	f
Corfu	13	55	r
Dublin	5	41	r
Dubrovnik	8	46	r
Faro	18	64	f
Florence	13	55	s
Frankfurt	6	43	f
Funchal	18	64	f
Geneva	3	37	c
Gibraltar	16	61	c
Helsinki	3	37	f
Hong K	18	64	s
Innsbrck	2	36	s
Istanbul	19	66	s
Jeddah	30	86	s
L Palmas	20	68	c
Le Touq't	6	43	f
Lisbon	14	57	d
Locarno	10	50	s
L Angels	16	61	f
Luxembg	0	32	sn
Luxor	32	90	s
Madrid	16	61	f
Majorca	16	61	f
Malaga	20	68	f
Malta	9	48	s
Melb'rne	27	81	s
Mexico C	22	72	s
Miami	27	81	s
Milan	11	52	s
Montreal	-2	28	s
Moscow	8	46	f
Munich	3	37	s
Nairobi	25	77	c
Naples	11	52	f
N Delhi	21	70	f
N York	3	37	s
Nice	12	54	s
Oslo	-1	30	sn
Paris	4	39	r
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Prague	5	41	s
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Rio de J	30	86	f
Riyadh	25	77	s
Rome	11	52	f
Salzburg	5	41	s
S Frisco	10	50	s
Santiago	31	88	s
S Paulo	30	86	s
Seoul	9	48	f
Sing'por	31	88	f
St'kholm	3	37	f
Strasb'rg	5	41	f
Sydney	22	72	r
Tangier	15	59	c
Tel Aviv	24	75	s
Tenerife	19	66	c
Tokyo	9	48	c
Toronto	1	34	s
Tunis	11	52	c
Valencia	19	66	f
Vanc'ver	4	39	r
Venice	11	52	s
Vienna	5	41	f
Warsaw	3	37	r
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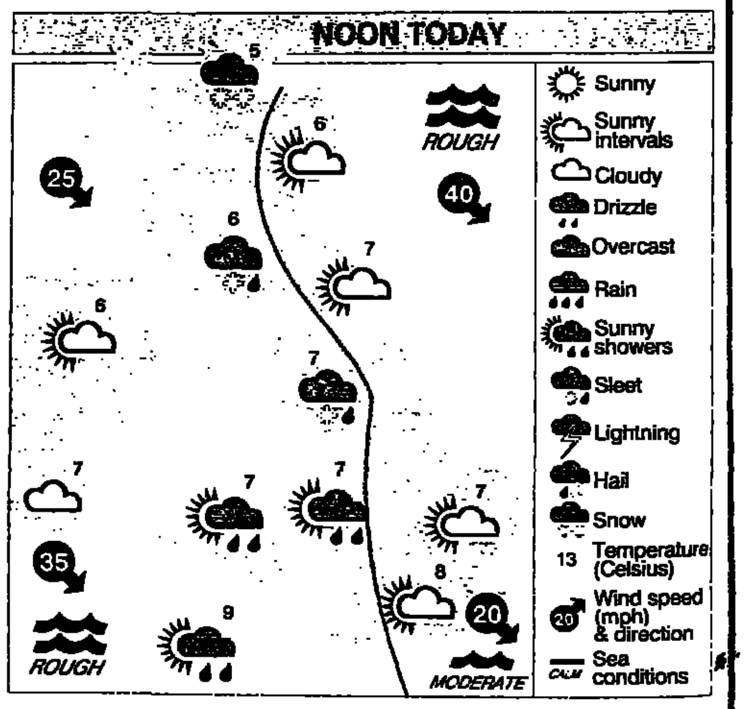

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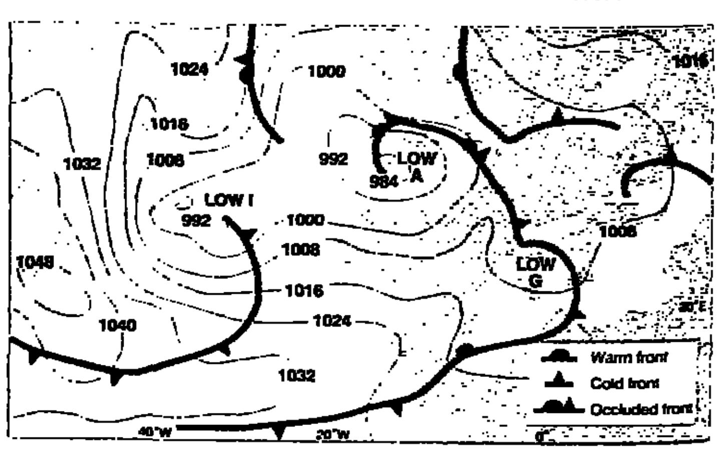

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London Bridge	4 22	7 16	4 45	7 05
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Avonmouth	9 57	12 83	10 09	12 46
Belfast	1 44	3 35	2 02	3 40
Cardiff	9 50	11 31	9 58	11 00
Devonport	8 23	5 15	8 36	5 04
Dover	1 35	6 52	1 55	6 18
Dublin	2 12	3 85	2 32	3 93
Falmouth	8 06	4 75	8 25	4 61
Glasgow	3 31	4 55	3 53	4 40
Harwich	2 26	3 90	2 46	3 70
Holyhead	0 49	5 23	1 09	5 29
Hull	9 03	7 06	9 16	7 15
Ilfracombe	8 45	8 57	8 53	8 32
King's Lynn	9 08	6 11	9 25	6 03
Leith	5 18	5 09	5 32	5 09
Liverpool	1 46	8 77	2 03	8 80
Lowestoft	..	..	0 13	2 23
Margate	2 35	4 64	2 57	4 46
Milford Haven	9 01	6 50	9 14	6 31
Newquay	7 53	6 32	8 11	6 07
Oban	6 20	3 68	8 21	3 60
Penzance	7 25	5 18	7 42	4 99
Portland	9 23	1 85	9 34	1 77
Portsmouth	1 58	4 61	2 15	4 45
Shoreham	1 52	6 05	2 09	5 86
Southampton	1 19	4 45	1 35	4 36
Swansea	9 08	9 03	9 19	8 75
Tees	6 32	4 91	6 45	4 99
Walton-on-Naze	2 17	4 08	2 40	3 86

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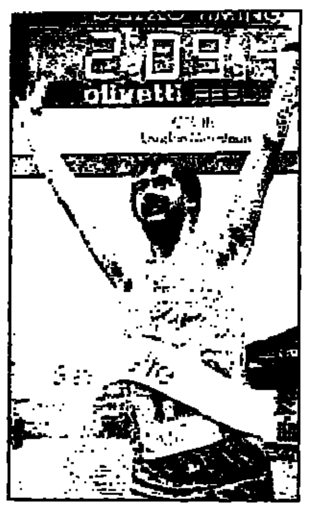

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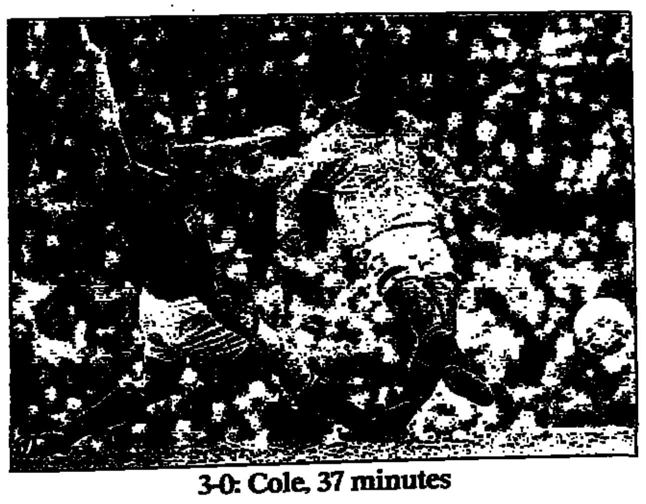

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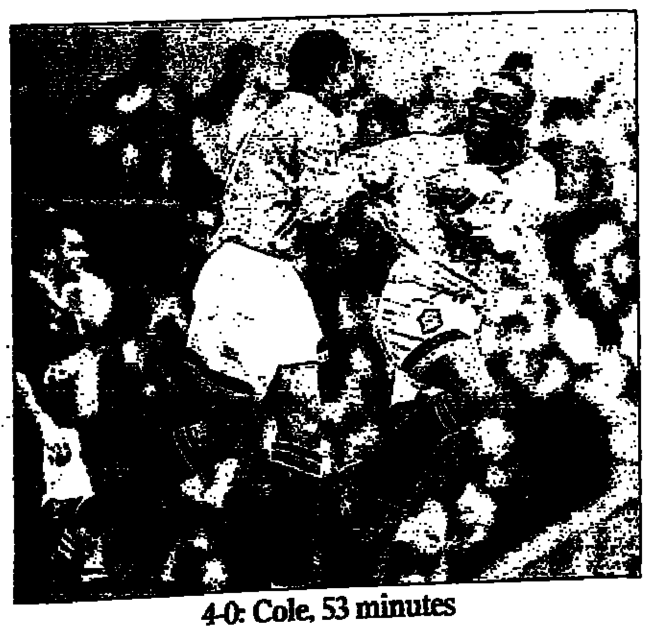

4-0: Cole, 53 minutes

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

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8-0: Ince, 72 minutes

9-0: Cole, 87 minutes

5-0: Hughes, 55 minutes

6-0: Hughes, 59 minutes

7-0: Cole, 65 minutes

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Rethink needed on second game and replays

MATTHEW BOND

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TV ACTION REPLAY

When his big moment came, the BBC's man in the Murrayfield "tunnel" did not flinch. The first question to the victorious Gavin Hastings may have been lost in a garbled sound link, but the second — the one that did for poor Bob Humphrys at Cardiff Arms Park a fortnight ago — was crystal clear. "You do make things difficult for yourselves, but having conceded that early try you came back so superbly in the second half."

All right, whether that technically qualifies as a question is a matter of some serious grammatical debate, but it had, as Bill McLaren might say, "done the needful". In short, it had not given away the result of the Ireland v France game before the highlights were shown — nor did any of the questions that followed. The rugby-watching nation breathed a collective sigh of relief. It was back to the five nations' as normal.

Some considerable preparation had clearly gone into ensuring the moment passed smoothly. McLaren and the impressively impartial Phil Bennett had already waxed celtically lyrical for some minutes after the game before they handed back to Steve Rider, who promptly invited John Jeffrey and Nigel Walker to do the same.

As a result it was a full five minutes after the final whistle before Mark Souster finally began his crucial, faith-restoring interview with Hastings. For a brief moment or two, I did wonder whether BBC Scotland might have recorded it — just to make sure. But I'm being unfair. However, with only one more weekend of this year's five nations' to go, I think it is fair to ask whether the BBC's coverage has been everything we might reasonably expect. The answer must be no.

The first reason concerns the old argument about whether each weekend's two internationals should be played on the same day or consecutively — either on the Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend or spread out singly over consecutive Saturdays. The answer to the problem, of course, lies with the respective unions not the BBC, but the corporation does nothing to improve things by relegating the second game, however thrilling, to an also-ran.

This it did in spades on Saturday by fielding the unfamiliar — and frankly rather unexciting — commentary voice of Jim Neilly over RTE's pictures of Ireland v France.

I appreciate that the prime time demands of Saturday teatime rule out showing both matches back-to-back on BBC1, but if two internationals per Saturday is to remain the norm, surely the BBC should be giving serious thought to showing the second game "as live" on BBC2.

Such coverage would lead naturally into the evening highlights package that international Saturdays demand, but don't get, and would counter the growing argument that while *Rugby Special* may be a very splendid thing, it is shown a day too late.

Such a package would also allow the growing number of articulate current and former players (the cancelled racing from Newbury certainly gave Nigel Walker an extended opportunity to show he is a star in the making) to talk through the replays that are difficult during live coverage.

Rugby replays are the bane of a television director's life. At their best — such as yesterday's superb hand-held footage of Kenny Logan's try-making tiptoe down the line, they are instant history. At their worst, they get in the way of live action which has often resumed before the replay ends.

But worse still, on reflection, is the missing replay, the incident that got away. Too often this season, the BBC's cameras have missed vital, off-the-ball action which is unforgivable. It is not enough to have the otherwise splendid McLaren muttering about "a bit of hanky-panky" or "a little kerfuffle"; we need to see the infringements. If that means more cameras, then more cameras it must be.

Cejka joins growing list of new winners

From Mel Webb in Huelva, Spain

ALEXANDER CEJKA, born a Czech but now a German, did his adopted country proud yesterday when he became the fifth first-time winner on golf's PGA European Tour this season by taking the Turespaña Andalucian Open here at Islantilla with a total of 278, six under par.

All sorts of people crop up on leader-boards at European Tour events — short, tall, talkative, reticent, happy, sad. All human life is there. The one thing that separates Cejka from his contemporaries on the tour, it can confidently be said, is that he is a political refugee.

Cejka, 24, was born in what was then called Czechoslovakia, and when he was nine he was taken on holiday by his father. Cejka the elder hated, with a great and abiding passion, the communist way of life and everything that the government of the country stood for, so instead of going home at the end of the holiday, he took his young son across the border into Italy.

They then travelled, by rail and bus, but mainly on foot, through Italy into Switzerland, and eventually reached Frankfurt. Now living in Munich, Cejka became only the second German after Bernhard Langer to win a fully fledged European Tour event.

Cejka, who had a closing 69 to beat Costantino Rocca by three shots, with Paul McGinley and Wayne Riley two strokes further back, came from a golfing family, which in a communist country set them apart. Golf is still regarded in a good number of Eastern European countries as much too bourgeois to be totally acceptable. His grandparents and his father all played, and when he reached Germany, opportunities to develop his game were so much greater than in the country of his birth.

Cejka, who had played a little golf before what he still insists on calling his "escape" from Czechoslovakia, showed an early aptitude for the game, and by the time he was 16 already knew he wanted to become a professional. His performance here suggests he made a good decision.

He had four birdies and a bogey in reaching the turn in 33, and despite bogeying the 11th and 14th, he never surrendered the lead he had shared with Anders Forsbrand at the start of the day.

Forsbrand faded badly on the back nine, dropping five shots in four holes, but Rocca returned to form with a 67, the joint best score of the day, and closed to within a shot at one point, but then bogeyed the 17th. Word somehow got back to Cejka, who, breathing more easily now, played solid, defensive golf until he had a satisfying but ultimately irrelevant birdie on the last.

The turning point of his round was his par on the grotesque 13th hole, breaker of hearts and ruination of cards all through the week. He played two perfectly judged lay-up shots, pitched to six feet from 50 yards, and punched the air triumphantly when the putt dropped.

"I hope my win here will help to move German golf forward," he said. "I remember being at a golf tournament at Frankfurt when I was a little kid and looking up at Bernhard [Langer] when he walked past me. Now we are playing on the same tour.

"He was a hero when I was young and still is. For years there was only him in German golf, and it is an honour that there are now two of us who have won. I haven't heard from him yet — but I will."

☐ James Lee, of Wales, won the Kenya Open in Nairobi with a record aggregate total of 265, 19 under par.

SCORES

FINAL ROUND LEADERS (GB and Ire unless stated): 278: A Cejka (Ger) 71, 68, 70, 69. 281: C Rocca (It) 71, 65, 78, 67. 283: P McGinley 71, 74, 69, 69; W Riley (Aus) 70, 73, 68, 72. 284: O Karlsson (Swe) 72, 76, 69, 67; A Forsbrand (Swe) 73, 72, 64, 75. 285: P Quirici (Switz) 71, 71, 69, 74. 286: D Smyth 68, 71, 76, 71; M Mouland 70, 75, 70, 71; F Tarnaud (Fr) 70, 72, 73, 71; B Lane 74, 70, 70, 72; J Robson 71, 69, 72, 74. 287: A Sherborne 72, 75, 70, 70; P Linhart (Sp) 72, 73, 71, 71; J Rivero (Sp) 76, 72, 71, 69; D Williams 74, 72, 69, 72; P Price 69, 71, 74, 73; P Mitchell 73, 73, 69, 72; M Farry (Fr) 72, 71, 69, 75. 288: M McLean 75, 73, 68, 72; J Mellor 72, 74, 70, 72; J-M Olazábal (Sp) 72, 76, 70, 70; J Bickerton 71, 72, 74, 71; J Pinero (Sp) 72, 72, 74, 70; R Claydon 72, 72, 74, 70; I Palmer (SA) 70, 74, 75, 69. Selected: 290: S Torrance 70, 74, 73, 73. 297: A Lyle 73, 71, 77, 78.

MARC ASPLAND

Kulik in full pirouette during the men's qualifying at Birmingham yesterday

Shorten qualifies in style

By John Hennessy

CLIVE SHORTEN, Britain's second string, has joined Steven Cousins, the national champion, in the world figure skating championships at the NEC, Birmingham. He finished seventh in group A of the introductory competition yesterday, four places above the last qualifying spot. Cousins is already guaranteed entry as of right in the wake of his tenth place in last year's event.

Shorten, now 21, may well feel satisfied with this result, since group A was much the more distinguished section, spearheaded as it was by Todd Eldredge, the United States champion and Ilia Kulik, runner up in the European championships in January.

Shorten, who has profited from studying under Russian coaches at Stevenage, sprang into explosive action with a triple flip, perfectly executed after only two steps. There followed four other triples — lutz, flip in combination, salchow and salchow in combination.

It was in every way a pleasing performance particularly in view of the tendinitis in his left leg which has interrupted his training and which still requires a support.

Skating to the accompaniment of *Rocky* and *Send In The Clowns*, it included some neat features devised by Sasha Mateev at Stevenage.

There was, of course, little fear that Eldredge and Kulik would not survive and for them it was almost a personal matter of asserting early domination. They were subjected to this ordeal because neither competed a year ago, Kulik because of his tender years (then only 16), Eldredge because injury coupled with poor performances have kept him out of the United States team since 1992.

Kulik was the cleaner jumper yesterday, everything finished off with a solid landing. However, there is a cold lack of personality, so that, although they broke even on technical merit, the American was the clear winner on presentation.

Eldredge performed two triple axels, one in combination with a triple toe loop, but the second was not cleanly landed. Otherwise he succeeded with a triple loop, a triple flip, a triple salchow and a notional triple lutz, though there was a suspicion that he rocked onto the inside edge at the last moment and so transformed it into a flip.

Kulik managed six triple jumps, including an axel and toe loop in combination, but one looked in vain for a second axel. What he most needs is not another jump but another choreographer.

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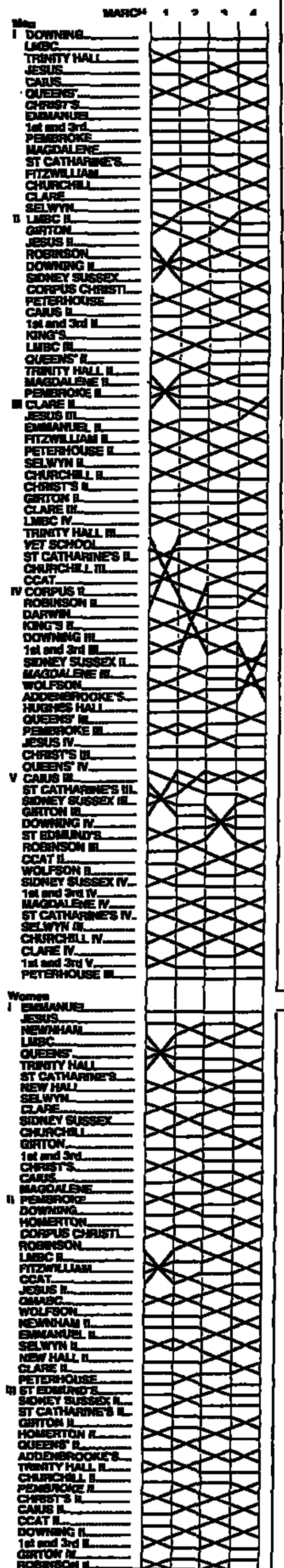
No change at head of Cambridge Lent races

BOTH leading crews retained the headships of the Cambridge University Lent rowing races on Saturday. Downing topped the men's first division and Emmanuel the women's for the second successive year.

Trinity Hall, chasing the head boats in both divisions, were doubly thwarted and Queens' caught them at the Plough in the women's first division.

HEAD CREWS: Men: Downing: Bow: J Buckland, 2 N Stirk, 3 G Pateman, 4 D Brandt, 5 J Newitt, 6 D Sinclair, 7 M Peter. Stroke: A Stewart, Cox: C Hudgell. Women: Emmanuel: Bow, H Baker, 2 S Ward, 3 C Mallet, 4 G Lillis, 5 J Belbeck, 6 E Williams, 7 K Dawson, Stroke: P Bentley, Cox: J Doble.



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Welsh honour restored

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Wales	22

From Christopher Irvine in Carcassonne

TWENTY-FOUR hours after the body of Welsh rugby union was left battered at Murrayfield, Welsh rugby league savoured its finest hour for 57 years. A record win here yesterday, albeit only their fourth in 20 visits, comfortably secured the John Smith's European championship.

From small achievement, big ambitions grow. With the exception of Australia, few packs in the World Cup in October will be capable of tangling with the Welsh. The land of their grandfathers is indebted to Eyres, Skerrett, Cowie and Atcheson, the full back, but their arrival has galvanised a potential that always existed.

France, especially, had no answer to the combative Paul Moriarty, unanimously the man of the series. The Halifax player was the cornerstone of a pack that controlled the second half, and, on a swamp of a pitch, French persistence was eventually defied, though not before silly mistakes provided Llong and Garcia with tries.

However, with the score 10-8 to France, the third of Wales's four tries, immediately after the restart, proved the turning point. Instead of kicking, as he had done badly up to that point, Jonathan Davies accelerated and Atcheson moved up on his inside to link for the try.

The hard work had been done in Cardiff last month with the narrow victory over England, but France are notoriously difficult opposition on home soil. In the first half, Wales became bogged down attempting to play an expansive game, although battering runs by Perrett and Moriarty set up tries for Harris and Bateman.

After Atcheson's score, Bateman collected his second try when Sirvent failed to field a high kick by Davies, and the Wales stand-off kicked his third goal, from the touchline, shortly before the end.

SCORERS: France: Tries: Llong, Garcia. Goal: Millet. Wales: Tries: Bateman (2), Harris, Atcheson. Goals: Davies (3).

FRANCE: L Ucchese (Sheffield); C Sirvent (St Gaudens), S Millet (St Gaudens, sub. F Banquet, Featherstone, 66min), P Chamorin (St Gaudens), J-M Garcia (St Esteve); D Despin (Limoux), P Entat (Leeds); B Llong (XIII Catalan; sub: B Coles, XIII Catalan, 56), P Torreilles (Pia), F Teixido (Limoux; sub. L Herbert, Pia, 75), D Divet (Featherstone), E Atlia (Cannes, sub J Pesch, Pia, 47), T Valero (Lezignan).

WALES: P Atcheson (Wigan), A Sullivan (St Helens; sub: P Ford, Salford, 76), J Devereux (Widnes, sub: A Hadley, Widnes, 64), A Bateman (Warrington), I Harris (Warrington); J Davies (Warrington), K Ellis (Workington); K Skerrett (Wigan), M Hall (Wigan), D Young (Salford, sub: N Cowie, Wigan, 47), P Moriarty (Halifax), M Perrett (Halifax; sub: R Phillips, Workington, 58), R Eyres (Leeds).

Referee: J Connolly (England).

Schmitt makes his point

FENCING is on guard and ready to be thrust into the modern age (Stuart Jones writes). In order to maintain a place in the Olympic Games, which is under threat, and to regain financial support, which has been withdrawn, cosmetic changes are being sought by the governing body, the Fédération Internationale d'Escrime, based in Paris.

The proposals put forward last year by René Roch, the president, are designed to appeal to television, nowadays apparently the god of even minor sports. He has recommended the use of coloured clothing, see-through masks and a more sophisticated system of scoring.

His ideas, though they would appear sensible, have so far either been shunned or found to be impracticable. Not one of the 176 épéeists, gathered in north London at the weekend for the men's senior event of one of 15 tournaments which form the World Cup, was arrayed in anything other than the traditional white costume.

Hidden behind the protective headgear and tethered to a spool, the duellists were virtually undistinguishable from each other except for the names imprinted on their backs: the faceless against the colourless, bouncing toe to toe on a raised platform the length and breadth of a cricket pitch. The sport is so steeped in ancient values that the official pronouncements are still uttered in French.

And amid such tradition, yesterday set in the Metropolitan Police training centre in Hendon, one man stood out from the rest of the field. He was Arnd Schmitt, the Olympic champion in 1992 and, through his victory yesterday, the new world No 1.

He was troubled only in the concluding stages of this, the British stage of the tournament, by George Liston, 35, a Scot attached to the Royal Air Force in Uxbridge. The reigning inter-services champion, he went down to the eventual champion in the last 16 by the narrow margin of 15-12.

Liston finished fifteenth to claim the best result by a Briton since 1982. Quentin Berriman, the present national champion, was an earlier casualty.

The tournament was backed for 35 years by Martini to the tune of £30,000. Without the sponsorship, the budget has dropped to a mere £4,000 but the quality of the competition has been maintained because it leads to qualification for the Olympic Games in Atlanta next year.

There can, however, be no guarantee that any Briton will make the grade.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Guildford advance with two victories

GUILDFORD achieved a double triumph in the men's national hockey league by defeating Hounslow 2-1 on Saturday and Southgate 4-3 yesterday to advance to second place in the first division (Sydney Friskin writes).

Guildford's virile approach put them 3-2 ahead of Southgate by half-time with two goals by Markham and one by Jennings. Jennings increased the lead from a penalty stroke in the 47th minute and, although Sean Kerry converted a short corner for Southgate, their counter-offensive was beaten back by Guildford with Priday making several smart saves. Stourport, after holding Southgate goalless on Saturday, drew 2-2 with Teddington yesterday.

☐ Twelve goals in two days have virtually assured Slough of the premier division championship in the women's national league (Alix Ramsay writes). Slough defeated Leicester 4-1 on Saturday and Chelmsford 8-2 yesterday.

Martin reigns supreme

SQUASH: Cassandra Jackman emerged once again from the semi-finals of the Guernsey Open, at the Kings Club in St Peter Port, as the leading challenger to Michelle Martin, of Australia (Colin McQuillan writes). But in the final yesterday she showed, just as she did in the World Open final at the same venue last October, that challenging is a far cry from overcoming.

Martin was majestic, dismissing her compatriot Sarah FitzGerald 9-5, 9-3, 9-6 in a 35-minute semi-final on Saturday. Yesterday she took just a minute longer for a scoreline of 9-7, 9-6, 9-1 against Jackman, who defeated the British champion, Suzanne Horner, 3-2 to reach the final.

Young stands firm

CRICKET: A determined half-century by the opener, Bryan Young, guided New Zealand to 94 for one at the end of the second day of the Test match against South Africa in Auckland yesterday. Young, undefeated on 62 at the close, showed great patience and technique against the tourists' pace attack. Allan Donald bowled with venom and Fanie de Villiers with great accuracy. Scoreboard, page 32

Preston spring upset

BOWLS: Preston, a Brighton-based club, have won the Denny Cup for the first time, upstaging the favourites and five-times former champions, Cyphers, at Bedford. Preston won the final 77-66. There was another win for bowlers from Sussex in the women's national indoor fours championship when the Arun club from Bognor Regis beat Thornaby at Northampton.

Williams's double win

CYCLING: David Williams, Britain's city centre race amateur champion, had to "win" the first major road race of the season twice. Williams sprinted across the line first in the Kirkby-Soens 50-mile handicap, only to find he had misjudged the finish which was a further 1.6 miles distant on the Aintree circuit. He then hung on to win by a length from Julian Ramsbottom.

Imperial success

ROWING: Imperial Colleage beat Oxford by 12 seconds in the unofficial Head of the River race on Saturday. Imperial, who beat Oxford in the same event in 1992 when Oxford went on to win the Boat Race, produced a higher rate than their opponents. The race was organised by Oxford after the cancellation of the official Reading Head, a decision taken after advice from the National Rivers Authority.

Steelers narrow gap

ICE HOCKEY: Nottingham Panthers' lead in the premier division is becoming tenuous. An 8-4 defeat by Fife Flyers and Sheffield Steelers' 14-4 win over Whitley Warriors leaves the Panthers two points ahead but the Steelers have a game in hand. Bracknell Bees upset Durham Wasps 9-4 for only their sixth win of the season. Trafford Metros kept their first division play-off hopes alive, drawing with Slough Jets.

Pajot in deep water

YACHTING: French hopes of reaching the semi-finals of the Louis Vuitton Challenge rounds of the America's Cup have almost certainly foundered off San Diego. Mark Pajot's *France 3*, supported largely by French Government tax credits, lost against *Nippon* on Saturday in what was effectively a decider for the final place in the next round. Pajot must win three of his next four races to advance.

WORD-WATCHING

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OLD GRAY HEAD

(c) "Shoot if you will this old gray head/ But spare your country's flag she said." This is from *Barbara Frietchie*, that tiresome woman who wrapped herself in Old Glory and then dared the rebels to fire.

JEMMY GROVE

(c) "All in the merry month of May/ When green buds were a-swellin'/ Young Jemmy Grove on his deathbed lay/ For love of Barbara Allen." *An Anon ballad of late date and style, known to Sam Pepys.*

BRIG O'DREAD

(a) This comes from that weird ballad *The Lyke Wake Dirge*. The journey lies through the "whinny muir" — a moor of furze or gorse — via the Brig o' Dread to Purgatory. In part it describes a wake. "From whinny muir when thou may'st pass/ Every night and alle/ To Brig o' Dread thou com'st at last/ And Christ receive thy soule."

COO-MY-DOO

(b) "O Coo-my-Doo me love so true/ If ye'll come down to me/ Ye'll have a cage of good red gold/ Instead of simple tree. . ." From *The Earl o' Mar's Daughter*, Anon, of course. Coo was a handsome prince: they settled down for 23 years when a rich suitor appeared. However, he was seen off by seven swans, 24 storks and Coo-my-Doo, all transformed warriors from his mother's court.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rd3! Bxg5 2 Rh3+ Bh6 3 Rxh6+! Kxh6 4 Qg6 checkmate.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	60	120	good	powder	good	snow	-2	5/3
(Great skiing but flat light, outlook excellent)								
AUSTRIA								
Mayrhofen	5	100	good	good	closed	sun	-6	4/3
(Excellent skiing on all slopes, all lifts open)								
Obergurgl	60	140	good	powder	good	fine	-1	4/3
(Excellent conditions everywhere)								
Schladming	40	130	good	powder	good	fine	-4	4/3
(Wonderful skiing under blue skies, no queues)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	215	440	good	powder	good	snow	0	5/3
(Sunny start followed by more snow, great skiing)								
Avoriaz	300	390	good	powder	good	snow	-4	5/3
(Great snow and skiing but poor visibility)								
Courchevel	215	375	good	powder	good	snow	1	5/3
(Superb powder skiing; all runs in perfect shape!)								
SWITZERLAND								
Mürren	130	225	good	powder	good	fair	3	4/3
(Superb skiing everywhere, no queues)								
Verbier	60	220	good	powder	good	snow	-2	5/3
(Snow in excellent shape, lift queues not too bad)								
Zermatt	110	330	good	varied	good	cloud	1	4/3
(Superb conditions on all pistes, more snow forecast)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes, U - upper, art - artificial

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Cool Hamed stays on fast track to world title

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

MORE than 13 million television viewers saw the bout between Nigel Benn and Gerald McClellan nine days ago, after which McClellan was taken to hospital with a serious brain injury. It would be surprising if a similar number did not watch Naseem Hamed, the Sheffield super-bantamweight, defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) international title against Sergio Liendo, of Argentina, on Saturday.

It is impossible to say how many turned on their sets to watch Hamed's performance, and how many out of concern for his intended victim, who was not supposed to last more than three rounds, but Hamed certainly won new admirers, and boxing some new enemies.

Far from underlining the claim that boxing is the safest of dangerous sports, the bout, which went on one punch too long, could have reinforced the view that the purpose of the sport is to inflict brain damage. In view of the calamity that had befallen McClellan, Daniel van de Wiele, the Belgian referee, should have stepped in to stop the contest more quickly.

Liendo, having been floored in the second round with two solid blows, a left and a right, should have been prevented from continuing. Instead, the referee allowed the bout to go on, thereby giving Hamed a free shot.

Liendo was knocked unconscious for the longest minute in British boxing history. "He should not have been allowed to take that last punch," Barry McGuigan, a former world champion, said. Frank Warren, the promoter, said: "I was quite concerned. It should have been stopped after the first knockdown."

Just as concern was beginning to grow, Liendo opened his eyes. After being helped to his feet, he went to his dressing-room more concerned about where the punch that stopped him for the first time in his 51-bout career had come from than his health, and refused to go to hospital for a check-up.

It was Hamed's most successful outing. It established him as the darling of Scottish boxing supporters, who firmly believe he could fill Ibrox when he challenges for the world title. Certainly, under the guidance of Warren, he should go from strength to strength and lift the World Boxing Association title held by Wilfredo Vasquez, of Puerto Rico. The bout should take place in April or May.

Because the excesses of his clowning had been curbed, as a mark of respect to McClellan, Hamed took his task in the ring more seriously than usual, and as a result produced his best performance. For once, he boxed in a controlled manner.

Thanks to an opponent who had come to fight, and who caught Hamed two glancing blows to the chin, the Yorkshireman had to do rather more than rush in from afar, arms spread wide and chin up in the air. He had to stand his ground and fight. Hamed's coolness under pressure, and the dismissive way in which he dispatched his first WBC top-ten ranked challenger, were impressive. He punished the Argentinian with some well-placed blows, particularly an uppercut in the first round, and the left hook and right hand in the second that sent Liendo to the floor.

Brendan Ingle, Hamed's trainer, said: "Now he's starting to plant his feet, he's hitting incredibly hard. He's making them miss and hitting them. Before, he'd jump in missing his shots. I can't see anyone beating him. Steve Robinson [the World Boxing Organisation featherweight champion], no problem. He'll fight him on neutral territory in Scotland."

Warren, who also promotes Robinson, has other plans, however. He intends to match the two when Hamed is a champion as well. Warren has offered Vasquez £360,000 to defend against Hamed in England, and has further offered Vasquez's mandatory challenger, Antonio Cermeno, of Venezuela, £60,000 to step aside, with the promise that Hamed's first defence will be against the No 1. "It will not be like Eubank," Warren said. "Every defence will be against a good opponent."

Hamed, 21, should beat Vasquez, 32. "I want to be a legend," Hamed said. Perhaps, but only if he can keep his feet on the ground, literally and figuratively.

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Defeat looms for Liendo, left, as Hamed increases the pressure during their World Boxing Council international championship bout in Livingston

Box office returns to business as usual

Robert Crampton on a night when the show went on in the shadow of the tragedy of Gerald McClellan

Friday evening in Glasgow: two Welshmen, rugby shirts straining under the pressure of seven pints, have gatecrashed their way in. Pushing through the assembled hacks, hangers-on and men without noses, they make straight for their idol, bits of paper and pens in hand. He may still be a half-known name to non-sports fans, but there is no doubt who the star is here for these lads up from the Valleys: "Gary, Gary, can I have your autograph". Gary Newbon, cult hero of ITV sport, veteran of the chaos nine days ago, smiles and obliges.

A small — no, tiny, at 5ft 3in — man — no, boy — looks on. He is Prince Naseem Hamed, 21, born in Sheffield, of Yemeni parents, and he has just got his clothes back on after coming in at 8st 9¾lb. His baggy jeans and designer leather are fine, but Naz, advice: if your job requires you to spend a lot of time in your underpants in public, lose the nylon look. Hamed, with 16 wins in 16 fights, is British boxing's — ie, Frank Warren's, and therefore ITV sport's — new "mega-prospect", to use the jargon. He is very good in the ring and because he is also very bad there (sneering at his victims, posing, pouting for the cameras, twanging the tight etiquette of the ropes) he is even better box office.

Speaking of underpants, Sergio Liendo, Hamed's opponent, had already lost his completely to make the weight, a minor humiliation compared to what was to come. Hamed, his Gascoigne c.1991 crop glistening, had stood on the scales, kissing his own bicep, grinning at the Argentinian. "Smile, you bum, you're gonna get beat. Might as well smile."

"He's a bit on edge," Brendan Ingle, Hamed's manager, said. "This McClellan business has interrupted his training. I don't know if he'll talk." No worries there, Brendan, ten minutes later Hamed is talking to anyone who will listen.

"I'll be toning it down a bit tomorrow night, out of respect for Gerald McClellan. I'll do me somersault and that's all," the Prince says, smirking. "It's an unfortunate time." What will happen? "He's fighting the best, gonna get beat just like the rest." Jim Rosenthal, ITV's anchorman, is caught whispering in Naz's ear. "Very sensitive night for us, Naz, so . . ." Naz mumbled something. The word respect is heard. "I'm sure you will, Naz," Rosenthal says, clapping the Prince on the back. "I'm sure you will. Good boy." Hamed goes off to give an interview to the Middle East Broadcasting Company (MEBC) in Arabic. The MEBC man later confesses Hamed's Arabic isn't any good.

Friday night in Glasgow: everyone has left the weigh-in, except 11 men sitting around a table going over the rules of the contest. Mario Betti, an Italian officiating for the World Boxing Council (WBC), presides. Betti's nose is intact: a handsome fellow and sensible, too. "There is no disqualification for illegal punches to the body," he reads. "That is not to say that the WBC wants the boxer to fight like that," he adds, with a meaningful look down his nose at the two managers.

> 'Smile, you bum, you're gonna get beat'

Herman Nicofini, Liendo's manager, has watched the Benn-McClellan fight in Argentina. "An accident. Not normal in boxing. I don't speak to my boxer about Gerald McClellan. My problem is not Gerald McClellan. My problem is Naseem Hamed." And so it proves.

Saturday late afternoon in an Edinburgh pub: four celebrating rugby fans have just declared this "a session". One asks: "Going to Livingston, are you? A fight, is there? Listen: there's a fight in Livingston *every* Saturday night." And, by implication, every Friday, Monday and most Wednesday mornings, too. Hard men, the Scots. Taxi-driver John Levine, fight fan, on Gerald McClellan: "He didna have the stamina, did he? The Yank fella."

Saturday night at the Livingston Forum: in the bar, William McGuire and his friend, Billy, both concrete gangers from Glasgow, have complimentary £50 tickets. "Benn-McClellan? Should have been stopped. He was gasping for air, his eyes were rolling." Had Mr McGuire been at that fight? "No, my mate saw it on TV. He told me." Does he go to the boxing a lot? "No." Why? "£1.80 for a small can of lager." Who does he want to win? Mr McGuire considers. Billy leans forward: "Celtic."

Ten o'clock, the main event. The boys are all in from the bar now, 3,000 of them, well warmed up. Mike Goodall, the MC, strokes his extravagant quiff and names the celebrities ringside, ladies and gentlemen. There aren't any, apart from Steve Ovett. So Goodall introduces Jim Rosenthal, Reg Gutteridge and Gary Newbon instead. Huge boos for Newbon, huge cheers for the others.

Liendo sneaks in almost unnoticed — then purple lights, drums, stamping of feet. Hamed comes in, dancing along an aisle of ecstatic Scots. He is wearing sunglasses and a kilt. Underneath the kilt, he reveals a ribboned leopard-skin skirt, and thus more bad taste in underwear. He pauses, pouts, poses and then somersaults into the ring. He runs around almost knocking into Liendo. Four minutes and nine seconds later, an anxious doctor bent over the prostrate Liendo. Hamed does it all over again. So much for toning it down.

"Great maturity shown tonight by the young man," Rosenthal says to camera, at the precise moment that Hamed flips back into the ring after his interview with Newbon. "Knock his head off, Naz," someone had shouted during a lull in the first round.

"I seen him breathing and his eyes open," Naz says afterwards. "You've got a beautiful gift," Ingle says. "A gift from God," Naz says. "Throw it back in my face if you want, but he ain't gonna be a Eubank job," Warren says. "I'm going to be a legend, a king," Naz says. "He said he wanted to dedicate the fight to McClellan," the man from the *Express* says. "Bloody hell, he nearly did."

The Yemeni ambassador presents his boy with a ceremonial dagger. There is talk of a world title shot in June. Then they talk about that left hook, while downstairs the undercard boxes on. "Still fighting out there?" Warren asks, and smiles.

Hamed: "I'm going to be a legend, a king"

Basketball's image damaged by brawl at Derby

By Nicholas Harling

THE future of DeCarlo Deveaux, a basketball player who has been in England only six weeks, is in doubt after his contribution to the uproar on Saturday involving Derby Bucks and Harvey Goldsmith's Leopards.

The Budweiser League fixture, in front of a stunned crowd of 1,100 at the Moorways Centre in Derby, was held up for 22 minutes while the respective coaches and match officials decided on the best action with Malcolm Burgess, the game's commissioner. When it resumed, it was without Deveaux, of Leopards, Andy Gardiner — who Deveaux appeared to head-butt and punch — and four other players from each bench, who had joined in the brawl.

After his altercation with Gardiner, Deveaux, 22, a Florida-based Bahamian, chased Tim Lascelles, another Derby player, around the court brandishing a wooden post. Players from both teams joined in, pushing over one of the scorers' tables. One female scorer was too upset to continue when the game restarted.

With the sport's family image jeopardised by the incident, which has to be the worst in the domestic game since Joe Pace, the American player, attacked officials with a chair in Jersey 14 years ago, there were immediate calls for Deveaux to be sent home.

"They should give him a one-way ticket back to America," Andy Maher, the Derby player, said. "You don't go around attacking people with a wooden stake, especially in front of three or four hundred children."

The Basketball League is certain to study videos recorded by both clubs, but Billy Mimms, the visiting coach, is convinced that Leopards have little to fear. "Deveaux was hit first," he said. "Someone swung an elbow at him and, when he saw the wooden post come flying at him from the baseline, he chased the player he thought had thrown it."

Lascelles denied that he had thrown the post and rejected suggestions that Andy Birch, the referee, and Roger Murie, the umpire, were at fault for failing to control a niggling encounter, won 99-84 by the Bucks, who had just profited from the third technical offence awarded against the Leopards when the game erupted, 4min 38sec from the end.

"You can't blame the referees for everything," Lascelles said. "The players have got to have some sort of discipline."

Radcliffe hits world championship form

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

ON AN otherwise bad day for favourites, Paula Radcliffe came unscathed through her final rehearsal for the world cross country championships when she won the senior women's race in the British trials at Druridge Bay country park, near Ashington, yesterday. After recent injury, Radcliffe looks as though she will be in tip-top condition for the championships in Durham on March 25.

While Andrew Pearson, Britain's leading men's hope, dropped out of a race for the first time and Nicola Slater, the host nation's best junior, suffered her first defeat by a fellow Briton for two years, Radcliffe survived an unpredictable day. She won by 31 seconds and suffered no immediate reaction to the tendon and foot trouble which she had been trying to shake off for most of the winter.

It was only three weeks ago that, for the first time in almost a year, she raced without suffering a reaction. Even now she is having precautionary treatment, mindful of last year when she watched the world championships in Budapest on crutches.

"I was comfortable," she said of her run yesterday. "I was working hard, but I was not flat out." Of her chances in Durham, she would only say: "There are six to ten girls who can win it."

The next three finishers, Angie Hulley, Alison Wyeth and Bev Hartigan, won automatic places while the selectors completed the team with Lucy Elliott, who was fifth, and Andrea Wallace, Britain's first finisher in the European championships in December.

Wallace missed the trial after injuring a hamstring while on a photo-call for her sponsor. She must indicate fitness by March 17, otherwise Helen Titterington will come in. Titterington, the 1988 English champion, deserves reward for maintaining enthusiasm through years of injury. Between 1989 and 1993, her longest spell of uninterrupted training was three months.

Pearson could not explain the stomach pains which caused him to drop out of the senior men's race, leaving Spencer Duval an unchallenged winner. However, his name was added to those of Duval, Dave Clark, Keith Cullen, Tommy Murray, Robert Quinn, Christian Stephenson and Martin Jones, the first seven, who gained automatic selection.

Adrian Passey was given the other discretionary place. He lost a shoe early on but recovered to finish tenth. Duval will contest the English National next Saturday — which means that the world championships will be his third big race in 21 days.

Clarke, who qualified for his thirteenth world championships, described Duval's decision as "one of the most stupid things you could do" . Duval, however, maintained the National had been his main aim all winter.

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JUNIOR MEN: R Brown (Elswick), A Graffin (Tonbridge), N Lane (Cardiff), M O'Dowd (Swindon), B Reece (Wirral), T Forrest.

SENIOR WOMEN: L Elliott (Shaftesbury Barnet), B Hartigan (Birchfield), A Hulley (Leeds City), P Radcliffe (Bedford), *A Wallace (Torbay), A Wyeth (Parkside).

* subject to fitness

JUNIOR WOMEN: A Braham (Parkside), B Gray (Riddings), M Mann (Preston), H Moulder (Westbury), A Outram (Parkside), N Slater (Radley).

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Nine into one works out to perfection for Ferguson

Alyson Rudd on the Cole-fired champions' 9-0 demolition of hapless Ipswich Town

SUDDENLY it is all very clear. Manchester United will not relinquish the FA Carling Premiership title on goal difference, and Ipswich Town *deserve, indeed need, to drop* a division. In this season of uncertainty, when there is no *such thing as mid-table* anonymity — a team is either looking at Europe or the Endsleigh Insurance League — it was refreshing to be at Old Trafford, where inevitability was splashed over every shot, pass and turn on Saturday.

The previous weekend, a similarly downcast Ipswich had *somehow* wrested three points off a Southampton side that, by half-time, had them as beaten in spirit, if not scoreline, as United. There were no such quirks during this mismatch. Alex Ferguson, *the Manchester United manager*, called it a "once-in-a-lifetime performance", but the champions *looked* perfectly capable of stepping up a gear and did not even break sweat. When Keane opened the scoring, he lolloped to meet Hughes's cross and almost lazily took aim. This, he must have thought, is not going to be a deciding goal.

It was the first time a team managed by Ferguson had won 9-0, and a record Premiership scoreline. It was also United's most convincing victory since 1898, when they inflicted a 9-0 defeat on Darwen. Six years earlier, United had beaten Wolverhampton Wanderers 10-1.

More recently the 1956 Busby Babes had humiliated Anderlecht *10-0* in the European Cup, but more important, from Ferguson's point of view, was how this game illustrated perfectly what Andy Cole was bought for.

When Giggs dispossessed Yallop and scampered down the wing, it was Cole who was best placed to meet the cross: 2-0. When Hughes's acrobatic overhead *shot* hit the crossbar, it was Cole who pounced on the rebound to make it 3-0. When Irwin lofted the ball into the six-yard box it was Cole's head *that it finally ricocheted* off: 4-0. When McClair's shot came off the Ipswich goalkeeper, Cole was there to stretch the scoreline to 7-0. In a team not shy of taking advantage of corner kicks, it was Cole, nevertheless, who grabbed goal No 9 on the turn after Giggs's corner fell loose a minute from time.

United can field more playmakers than any other Premiership club, but they needed a goal poacher to be sure of turning style into points. Set-*pieces aside*, United had been scissor-kicking, lobbing and long-range firing their way *through games. A player with* an unerring eye for goal; the ability to turn and run onto that 30-yard pass from Ince, Irwin or Giggs, a player content to let the tip of his boot be all that is required to steer a cross past the goalkeeper, was what Ferguson wanted, and what he got.

The contrast with Lee Chapman, the Ipswich centre forward, was luminous. Chapman probably presented Old Trafford's biggest crowd of the season with the limpest display from a striker they will see for some time. He and *Ipswich* were *so totally out*classed that, surely, an opportunity to turn their backs on *demanding afternoons* chasing shadows must be embraced.

The occasion was, for United, a jolly romp, a joke enjoyed the most by Ince. He tried an audacious 40-yard shot that did not work and a quick free kick that did as Forrest was being booked for handling *outside his* area. For United it was still only three points; for Ipswich it was more significant. It effectively marked the end of their season and killed off a huge slice of their spirit. Not since 1963 had they been so humiliated, losing *10-1* in a first division match to Fulham at Craven Cottage on Boxing Day.

Cole, having *dismissed* reports that his third goal came off Yallop and been vindicated by television replays, can now proudly claim to be the Premiership's top marksman in a single match. Efan Ekoku's four goals for Norwich City against Everton last season did not attract quite the same *attention, but then Cole is gilt*-edged to the tune of £7 million.

However, Cole would have *needed* another hat-trick to beat Ted Drake's total of seven goals in a match, for Arsenal against Aston Villa in 1935. James Ross jointly holds the first division record with Drake, scoring seven for Preston North End against Stoke in 1888.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-4): P Schmeichel — R Keane (sub: L Sharpe, 46min), S Bruce (sub: N Butt, 80), G Pallister, D Irwin — B McClair, P Ince — R Giggs, A Cole, M Hughes, A Kanchelskis.

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — F Yallop, J Wark, D Linighan, N Thompson — S Palmer, G Williams, S Sedgley, S Slater — A Mathie, L Chapman (sub: I Marshall, 64).

Referee: G Poll.

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Hendry keeps Blackburn ahead on points despite Old Trafford goal-rush

Dalglish stays true to singular ambition

Aston Villa 0
Blackburn Rovers 1

By Rob Hughes
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE sound and the glory tumbling *down* from *Old* Trafford on Saturday alter nothing. Blackburn Rovers, by eking out victory by a solitary goal in a game at Villa Park that had the virtue of being competitive, still have a grip like a closed fist, as tight *as a Kenny Dalglish smile, on* their three-point lead in the FA Carling Premiership.

Indeed, Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, did his best to appear unimpressed. Asked if he did a double take on hearing the scoreline from *Manchester United, he* responded: "What's a double take — six points?"

The points. They are all important, as everyone knows, and 11 more Blackburn victories of this nature, pragmatic as they may be, *would mean that United could* break every scoring record in the world and finish second.

Moreover, the purpose behind Blackburn's caution, before a crowd of 40,114 on a ground where Villa had struck 11 goals in their two previous *home fixtures, was* clear. Relying on their rock in defence, Colin Hendry. Blackburn, as ever, cut away the frills, used power and solidity, and suffocated Villa's revivalist style.

Hendry was the winner at both ends of the field. After 12 *minutes he helped himself* to a headed goal. Inevitably, for Blackburn, it came from a *dead-ball situation, a* corner on the right lofted towards the far post where Hendry, with a little jinking run, eluded his marker, Ehiogu, and, from five yards, had more than enough power to direct the ball into goal. It was over the *line before Charles, desperately* seeking to clear, got a boot to it.

In that moment, all Villa's planning was cast asunder. There is no point lining up three centre backs if one loses concentration and thereafter, with Blackburn withdrawing Sutton virtually to a midfield toiler's role, the sheer physical presence and stamina of Shearer was left alone to show that the ageing process is finally overtaking McGrath. The man has been magnificent, playing in two World Cups on knees that are better known to the surgeons than to the various managers who have sought to discipline him; *but McGrath against Shearer* was an unequal contest.

Yet the ambition of Blackburn was principally to hold what they had. Brian Little, the Villa manager, acknowledged: "There are many ways to win a football match. Black*burn did it today playing* to their strengths. They bossed us, they were quicker to the second tackles, and even when we became more determined towards the end, their midfield guys blocked our passes. We didn't have the craft to *break them down.*"

It was not merely a lack of craft. There is a physical bluntness to Villa's attack — neither Saunders nor Johnson are powerful athletes — and Johnson had no right to stay on the field when, out of sheer *spite, he kicked out just below* the chin of Flowers after the goalkeeper had beaten him to the ball.

It was a gratuitous foul, the referee abdicated his responsibility by using the yellow card rather than the red, and what an injustice it would have been had Johnson equalised, as he should have done, late on.

He had broken through, gaining half a yard on Le Saux. But Johnson had neither the courage nor the instinct to go on, Pearce came across to dispossess him and the forward was instantly withdrawn by his manager.

After that, despite some lovely, hypnotic touches of control and vision from Yorke, the vice-like grip of Blackburn controlled things. Bosnich had to be brave and alert on four occasions, *twice* throwing himself at the feet of Sutton, cutting off a shot from Shearer and going down once more without a thought of self-preservation at the feet of Ripley.

The latter has been, along *with Wilcox, such a force and* a balance in Blackburn's second attempt to relieve United *of the title. But since Decem*ber, when Ripley injured himself with a mistimed tackle at Newcastle, *he* has visibly struggled on damaged ankle ligaments. He played on Saturday not in the demanding, shuttling role of winger-cum-defender, but drifting inside. Was he fit for 90 minutes? "You won't find a player in the *Premier League that is 100 per* cent fit at this time of the season," Dalglish said. "He's *fit enough to be an asset to* Blackburn Rovers."

And with that, Blackburn were back on the team coach, travelling north to celebrate lightly Dalglish's 44th birthday, lightly because the arch-professionals have a midweek match against Arsenal. United, a day earlier, journey south to Wimbledon.

And Aston Villa? Tonight is the night when a parochial West Midlands derby against *Coventry City brings "home"* Ron Atkinson, the manager who was dismissed to make way for *Little. The Midlands* waits to see if Atkinson takes his customary viewing point close to the Villa chairman, Doug Ellis, in the directors' box.

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — G Charles, P McGrath, U Ehiogu, S Teale — D Yorke, I Taylor, A Townsend (sub: R Houghton, 18min), S Staunton — D Saunders, T Johnson (sub: G Fenton, 74).

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-1-1): T Flowers — H Berg, C Hendry, I Pearce, G Le Saux — S Ripley, M Atkins, T Sherwood, J Wilcox — C Sutton — A Shearer.

Referee: R Gifford.

MARC ASPLAND

Ehiogu, the Aston Villa defender, claws his way above Sutton during Blackburn's victory at Villa Park

Anfield revival foils Keegan's happy return

Liverpool 2
Newcastle United 0

By Peter Ball

WHAT a difference a goal can make to a season. After a productive Christmas, Liverpool suddenly began to stutter as the goals from their prolific attackers unaccountably dried up. Five goals and only two wins in nine games told their own story.

Three weeks ago, in the dying seconds of the first leg of their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, Robbie Fowler stole in to end his barren run; two *weeks later Ian Rush did the* same in another tense cup-tie at Wimbledon and Liverpool were up and running again on three fronts. On Saturday both scored typical poachers' goals as Liverpool swept Newcastle United aside.

The lesson was not lost on Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, who has been scouring Europe for a goalscorer to replace Andy Cole. Had Kitson scored early on as Beardsley put him through, Saturday's outcome *might have been different.* By the end, though, finding a goalscorer looked the least of *Keegan's worries.*

"Gentlemen, the manager," announced the Liverpool press steward after the game as he led Keegan in. "The manager of the team that didn't turn up," Keegan said ruefully. "I've not often been annoyed in my three years at Newcastle, but I was annoyed today.

"I don't like to come back to the club I used to play for and watch my team perform like that. I thought we were sloppy — second-rate compared with them. If Pav [Pavel Srnicek] hadn't played so well, you could have seen a scoreline like the Manchester United one."

Once again the game demonstrated the importance of Beardsley to the North Easterners. *In the first half,* although often on the receiving end with their woeful defence threatening to crumble at any moment, Newcastle had their moments in a wonderful game as Gillespie skipped past Babb at will and Beardsley loaded the guns.

But Beardsley stayed off after the interval with a hamstring injury and, in spite of a brilliant display by Srnicek, Newcastle duly crumbled. *Liverpool's ability to* withstand physical challenge has been questioned this season, but they looked powerful against Newcastle's lightweight side, Barnes and Redknapp dominating central midfield with not a ball-winner in sight.

"You've got to win the ball, but fairly," Roy Evans, the *Liverpool manager, said*. "There's no point in having a 'hard man' who never plays."

Barnes had a superb game on Saturday, tackling, filling the holes and sending Redknapp and the forwards on threatening sorties with *some finely-judged passes.*

With Rush he is also emerging as a team leader, setting *standards for the young players*. On Saturday he gave Babb his views in no uncertain *terms* on one pass which fell short of Liverpool standards.

Rush: poacher's goal

The benefits of these hectoring taskmasters are tangible. Redknapp, looking more like the player of last autumn, is one of the best young midfield prospects in the country, while Rush's work ethic is rubbing off on Fowler.

"It is like having two coaches on the field for me with John *and* Ian," Evans said. "John moans more than I do."

Barnes had his own slant. "*Rushie does more moaning* than coaching *these days,*" he said. The pair may yet moan their way to Wembley — or, if the leaders should slip up, to *an even greater prize.*

LIVERPOOL (3-5-2): D James — J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb — R Jones, S McManaman, J Redknapp, J Barnes, M Walters — I Rush, R Fowler.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P Srnicek — M Hottiger, D Peacock, S Howey, J Beresford — K Gillespie, B Venison, R Lee, R Fox (sub: P Bracewell, 83min) — P Beardsley (sub: S Watson, 45), P Kitson.

Referee: P Jones.

Frank analysis strikes its target

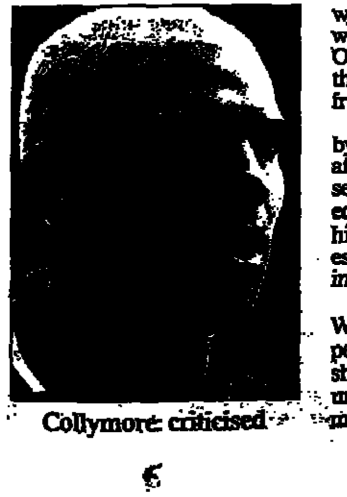
***Andrew Longmore** on the angry fall-out from*
Nottingham Forest's 2-2 draw with Tottenham

THE beat of the lone tom-tom at the Trent End must have drowned out the sound, but somewhere between kick-off and final whistle at the City Ground on Saturday, the patience of Frank Clark snapped with some force. The Nottingham Forest manager had seen his side go ahead with two goals in a minute, then concede an equaliser three minutes from time — all three goals coming in the last ten *minutes — yet he was more* bothered by the apathy of his two multimillion-pound strikers, *Bryan Roy* and Stan Collymore, than the result of their FA Carling Premiership match.

The Forest dressing-room turned as chilly as the Trent as Clark left neither in any doubt about his feelings. "I've told them what I think," he said. "We had *nine* players out there trying to make something happen and two just waiting for it to happen. Both performances were unacceptable to the other players in the team, and to the spectators."

Without actually saying the *pair did not try, it was not* hard to read between the lines. "I would never publicly criticise a player for playing poorly, and certainly the service to them could have been better, but, in that situation, you have two choices," Clark said. "Either you can battle to turn it round, or you hang around up the field hoping someone will lay the ball on for you to score a goal." Klinsmann, in the same predicament, chose the former, Roy and Collymore the latter.

This *morning,* Clark will expect both of them to be knocking on his door with *rather more purpose than they* tackled the Tottenham defence. "I hope they will think *about what I said and* either come to me and say: 'Boss, you're totally out of order,' or: 'You were *right, I apologise.* I'll do something about it'." What if they keep silent? "I suppose I'll have to say something." Most probably: "You won't be playing against Everton on Wednesday."



Collymore: criticised

Several factors sharpened the poignancy of Roy's casual display. Back in the autumn sunshine of White Hart Lane, the Holland international had enjoyed his finest hour in a red *shirt, scoring twice in a* 4-1 win. The critics purred. Clark was hailed as a genius, Roy as a *breath of fresh air,* and Forest as future champions. But Roy's form has disintegrated badly over the winter, and his partnership with Collymore has failed to develop. Collymore, at least, has kept scoring. Roy's last goal was three months ago. They were always an odd couple. On Saturday, they looked as though they had just emerged from the divorce courts.

Forest's second goal, scored by Jason Lee just six minutes after he had replaced Roy, and seconds after Bohinen had equalised with a 25-yard shot, highlighted the worth of honest endeavour against subliminal *talent.*

With Forest alive at last, Woan hoisted a punt into the penalty box, which Walker should have collected. Instead, under pressure from Lee, he missed his catch, the ball ran loose, and Lee bundled the ball home for a messy, bread-and-butter goal. Calderwood, *Tottenham's best player*, drove home the equaliser shortly afterwards.

Quite apart from Roy and Collymore, the occasion was fraught with unfulfilled expectations. By tradition, fixtures between these teams are crackers; full of invention, good passing and goals. By the time the first goal came after *79 minutes, a tap-in by* Sheringham, most were too bored to care.

Then there was Rosenthal, whose three left-foot strikes had sunk Southampton in midweek. *Given* a rare start, he confirmed what we knew in our hearts: that he is a brilliant substitute. Every time he swung his trusty left boot, the ball cannoned off a Forest defender or arrowed to the back of the stand. He will be back on the bench soon. Roy's fate is more open to doubt, but if autumn's Roy of the Rovers did turn to spring's Roy the rover, the departure would sadly confirm all the old prejudices about faint-hearted continentals.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, D Phillips — S Stone, L Bohinen, A I Haaland, I Woan — S Collymore, B Roy (sub: J Lee, 80min)

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, J Edinburgh — R Rosenthal, D Howells, D Anderton, N Barmby — E Sheringham, J Klinsmann.

Referee: G Ashby

Royle sees red over indiscipline

Russell Kempson watches Everton let slip their advantage in a 2-2 draw with Leicester

THE jury is still out on Duncan Ferguson but the judgment is nigh. The Everton *forward, £4 million* worth of lanky frame, lean muscle and silky sinew, continues to confound the most compassionate of observers.

His trial at Goodison Park, with more twists to it than that of O. J. Simpson, often defies logical comprehension.

On the credit side, he has responded to Joe Royle's much-heralded return to Merseyside with eight goals in 16 matches. He heads the ball *with direction, poise and pow*er, and controls it, all left foot, with care and attention. Heaven help the defender who strays from his duties.

Royle, the Everton manager, reckons the 23-year-old former Dundee United and Rangers striker, could go on to emulate the legendary Dixie Dean. He possesses a bewitching presence, despite an incommunicative preference off the pitch, and carries the air of a player on the brink of such idolatry, a languid gait, precise touch and razor reflexes.

Yet on the debit side . . . how much time can you spare? He still faces an interminably delayed court case, the legacy of alleged cranial contact with an opponent during a game in his native Scotland, and has been booked three times, served a three-match suspension and now been sent off twice since transferring his allegiance south of the border.

Against Leicester City at Filbert Street on Saturday, with Everton already a player short after the dismissal of Samways for a retaliatory kick at Galloway in the fiftieth minute, the demons returned *to haunt Ferguson. He argued* with Galloway, after the Celtic player on loan to Leicester had been *cautioned. for the fourth* time in six games, for fouling Barlow, and had to be calmed by Barrett and Horne.

As the red mist descended though, he challenged Willis — arm raised, elbow high — and was immediately banished by Paul *Durkin,* the referee. That the intent or extent of contact was debatable became lost as a precious talent again made a premature departure amid dubious circumstances. Galloway, provocative to the end, bade him farewell with unnecessary relish.

Royle added his views as a forlorn Ferguson trooped past *him and, later, could* barely conceal his disbelief at how Everton had self-destructed from 2-0 in front at half-time — through Limpar's lethal 30-yarder and a Samways tap-in, on his first start for Royle, after a delightful six-man move.

"I'm *disgusted,*" Royle said. "Two brain failures cost us dearly but it will cost them dearly, too. They will be fined *as heavily as I'm allowed.* I just wish it could be more. We were cruising with a double *handful* and *it was just* a question of how many we would score.

"*Duncan jumped* with *his* arm up, and I don't think he deliberately tried to do the *fella*, but I've got no complaints. The ref had an excellent game. If it had stayed 11 v 11 we could have been right up *the table, but we're now still* deep in trouble."

Ferguson: hero and villain

Royle was unhappy with Galloway's inflammatory attitude but Mark McGhee, the Leicester manager, said: "You have to allow him a certain leash. If he stays in control, that's OK, but it's a *fine line.*" However, McGhee was not enamoured with Galloway's *verbal exchange with Royle* as the pair approached the dressing-rooms at the end. "I *slaughtered him,*" McGhee said. "I'm not having that."

Galloway found it all par for the course. "I've had a few tussles with Duncan before and it was like any Old Firm game," he said.

Everton eased ahead with grace but as their disciplinary count rose to 27 yellow cards and five red, from their last nine FA Carling *Premiership* outings, the wheels fell off. Samways went, Draper made it 2-1, Ferguson *went, Roberts* equalised. Seven minutes remained for Everton's emergency 4-4-0 *formation to hold* out; it did, but how much longer can the jury stay out on *Ferguson? The verdict, by* Royle decree, must come soon.

LEICESTER CITY (4-3-3): K Poole — S Grayson, J Willis, C Hill (sub: J Lawrence, 69min), N Lewis — M Galloway, G Parker, M Draper — D Lowe, I Roberts, M Robins.

EVERTON (4-3-2-1): N Southall — E Barrett, D Watson, D Unsworth, A Hinchcliffe — B Horne, J Parkinson, V Samways — S Barlow (sub: M Jackson, 69), A Limpar (sub: G Stuart, 60) — D Ferguson.

Referee: P Durkin.

Absent striker overshadows hustle and bustle at Stamford Bridge

Armstrong remains centre of attention

Chelsea 0
Crystal Palace 0

By Oliver Holt

HE WORE dark glasses as he sat on the back bench of the Crystal Palace dugout during the second half. It fitted the fugitive image nicely, but Chris Armstrong, the £5 million man who failed a drug test, was shielding his eyes from the sun setting over the West Stand at Stamford Bridge, not from the legion of stares and cameras directed at him.

Armstrong, who fell foul of the Football Association's testing system when traces of cannabis were found in his sample during a training ground check, is just the latest miscreant in a troubled season of sinners and scandals, but his presence here overshadowed a dour relegation derby and highlighted the unwelcome coincidence of the meeting of these two sides at a time when they are labouring not only in the shadow of mediocrity but also controversy.

If either was seeking redemption on the field after the activities of Armstrong and a minority of Chelsea supporters in Bruges last week, it eluded them completely. Both fought doggedly and spiritedly and both had chances to score. The general paucity of play, though, matched the bitter weather.

The formation moulded by Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, which was supposed to resemble a diamond, has been bastardised now for pragmatic reasons. If you join up the dots, it looks like a robot without feet and, the longer the season goes on, the more the team seems to conform to the model.

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Chelsea have won just twice in 16 FA Carling Premiership games now and only Rocastle, a substitute for the injured Spencer, provided any spark of invention — and that only fitfully. Palace looked shorn of menace without Armstrong — and he has scored only two goals all season.

Alan Smith, the Palace manager, was keen to emphasise that his star striker was no Paul Merson and clearly hopes Armstrong will be available to play in the second leg of his team's Coca-Cola Cup semi-final against Liverpool on Wednesday.

"I hope we will get the go-ahead to play Chris again soon from the Football Association," he said. "He is mentally and physically fit. The action against him is getting out of proportion. There has been a cloud over the place since the tests were carried out and I want to look after him now. I don't want the boy to be destroyed.

"But the club is quite clear on the rules it lays down on drugs, whether it be class A or class B drugs. Everyone in the club, from the professionals through to the apprentices, must conduct themselves in a proper fashion."

West Ham United's win at Arsenal left Palace in even deeper trouble at the foot of the table, but it could have been worse. Chelsea, who have not won at home for more than four months, had the best of the chances, but the onus fell on Stein to convert them and he was not equal to the task.

His best opportunity came in the 65th minute, when Peacock and Newton combined cleverly to put him through, but the ball did not run kindly for him and he scooped it over the bar. A minute later, Martyn, the Palace goalkeeper, flung himself to his left to beat out Burley's pile-driver.

Palace had their chances too and Preece hit the post in the thirtieth minute with Hitchcock well beaten. Stein, though, had a final chance to clinch the game in the dying minutes, but he poked a close-range shot tamely at Martyn.

"It has been a strange week," Smith said. "I had two of my best players missing in Armstrong and Coleman today and, the way the week has gone, I am grateful for small mercies.

"Chris has apologised to me and to his team-mates, he has been training regularly and there is nothing more than we can do now. It is a frustrating situation because it is such an important week for us. I just want everything to get back to normal."

CHELSEA (4-1-3-2): K Hitchcock — S Clarke, E Johnsen, F Sinclair, A Myers — N Spackman — G Peacock, C Burley, E Newton — J Spencer (sub: D Rocastle, 20min) M Stein.
CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): N Martyn — D Patterson, D Gordon, E Young (sub: D Matthew, 68), R Shaw — G Southgate, J Salako, D Pitcher, R Newman — I Dowie, A Preece (sub: G Ndah, 79).
Referee: M Reed.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

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Weekly change ■ Up ■ Stayed the same ▨ Down

IAN STEWART

Newman, left, proves a painful obstacle for Burley, of Chelsea, at Stamford Bridge

Wolverhampton win but earn no points for style

Wolverhampton 1
Portsmouth 0

By David Miller

AN AFTERNOON at the allotment. Digging, mulching, hoeing and not a landscape gardener in sight. Wolverhampton may ultimately have won this particular battle, thanks to Bull's late, lucky goal, but do not bank on them winning promotion.

The hand that so uncertainly guided England and has now steered Wolverhampton to the last eight of the FA Cup looks unlikely, on this evidence, to grasp the the FA Carling Premiership. Graham Taylor's football continues to be primarily functional, but unappealing to those not looking through amber lenses.

Wolves led the Endsleigh Insurance League first division from September through to November 23, when they beat Bolton Wanderers 3-1. They slipped to second in December and dropped to sixth in February with a 5-1 away defeat by Bolton and 2-0 loss at home to Middlesbrough. Winning yesterday, even if not taking the pretty route, was therefore important. It lifted them to fourth with two games in hand on Tranmere, who are three points ahead of Middlesbrough.

The popular, appropriately-named Bull, having returned after a lengthy injury, won the man-of-the-match award, but no more earned that prize than an inconsistent referee. Stowell, making his return in goal for Wolverhampton in preference to Jones, would have been more deserving. A few minutes from the end, he protected the victory when scrambling across his line to palm out a close-range shot by Kristensen, who had just come on as substitute. Kristensen should have scored.

The subtleties yesterday came from Portsmouth in the first half. The elusive Radosavljevic, cleverly manipulating the ball with his left foot and repeatedly striking from midfield, might have turned the game Portsmouth's way; no less Creaney, partnering the diminutive Hall up front and occasionally producing a deft dribble.

At this stage, the slow but solid Butters was winning his war of attrition with Bull and Wolverhampton's long-ball game was looking particularly sterile. It is strange that, although Wolves have the evergreen Cowans in midfield, nobody tries to play *with* him. All his colleagues run the other way, obliging him to hit the ball long. This occasionally works for Kelly, the Ireland striker, or Bull, but it means their game is bound to continue to be erratic.

George Cain, the Merseyside referee, was neither very mobile nor very good and there were two controversies concerning penalties that he might have given and did not. When Goodman, challenged by Russell, went headlong in the first half, he was not only a yard outside the area but had already lost the ball. Gittens's foul on Bull on the hour was another matter. Although Bull was moving away from the goal, his legs were clearly taken.

When, ten minutes later, Dennison's cross-shot clipped the crossbar and flew innocently to safety, it seemed this was not to be Wolverhampton's day. Their second-half performance, assisted by the disappearance of Radosavljevic to the fringe of the fray — and eventual substitution — did deserve something. They were to get it, but only just.

A long, hopeful cross by Dennison was flapped out by Knight, under pressure, almost straight to Bull's feet. The crowd's favourite only half-hit his hooked shot and was happy to see a desperate Knight fling himself to his left and deflect the ball beyond Russell who, standing on the line, might otherwise have cleared.

That, as they say, is football, but on a blustery, cold day on which the ball was far too often in the air for anyone to remember much else. Wolves maintained their double ambition.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): M Stowell — P Blades, J De Wolf, P Shirtliff, A Thompson — D Goodman, M Rankine, G Cowans, R Dennison — D Kelly, S Bull.
PORTSMOUTH (4-3-1-2): A Knight — R Gittens, K Symons, G Butters, L Russell — F Pethick, A McLoughlin, L McGrath (sub: B Kristensen, 78min) — P Radosavljevic (sub: J Durnin, 75) — P Hall, G Creaney.
Referee: G Cain.

West Ham display instinct for survival

Arsenal 0
West Ham United 1

By Russell Kempson

WEST Ham United glimpsed FA Carling Premiership salvation at Highbury yesterday, only their second league win in eight attempts lifting morale and, more important, their points tally. Forgetting Leicester City and Ipswich Town, surely condemned souls already, the dogfight to avoid the other two relegation places becomes more intriguing by the match.

It was not a traditional West Ham display, laced with artistry and adventure, but was comfortably good enough to dispose of an Arsenal side that had drifted back into its bad old ways for the first time since Stewart Houston replaced George Graham as manager four matches ago. Highbury devotees were yet again subjected to a bland 90 minutes, so often the case at the North London club this season.

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said: "If we'd been playing poorly recently, I'd be the first to hold my hands up, but we've been playing well without getting the rewards. I think we were probably owed that one."

West Ham were good value for their half-time lead, a combination of hard running and imaginative inter-passing giving a static Arsenal back four constant worries. Without Adams, who was suspended, space abounded for Hutchison and Cottee to weave merry little webs around Bould and Linighan.

Allen might revel in his nickname of "Mad Dog" but, when embroidering the omnipresent aggression with his undoubted skills, he can match the best. Time and again he served his forwards with precision, the Arsenal defenders finding themselves lured in all directions.

Such momentum had to produce chances, and did, with West Ham outshining Arsenal by six shots to two before the interval. Bartram, the stand-in for Seaman, who will have a bone scan today to determine whether his rib injury is a hairline fracture, was free of any guilt when West Ham took the lead in the 21st minute.

Hutchison: prominent

Moncur worked a clever free kick move on the edge of the Arsenal area and, after exchanging passes with Cottee, delivered a firm, low cross. Not a red and white shirt got close to it and Bartram, alone and helpless, was easily beaten by Hutchison's close-range jab.

Arsenal were not functioning in any department and it was small wonder that the public address announcement of half-time highlights, to be shown on Highbury's giant video screen, was greeted with howls of derision from the home supporters. For Arsenal, there were none.

At least in the second half there were a couple. Helder, a peripheral presence on the left flank, had a goal-bound drive blocked and Jensen, following up, saw his 25-yard pile-driver superbly turned away by Miklosko. Five minutes from time, Wright shot straight at Miklosko, after a delicate pass from Schwarz, and then nodded the rebound towards the line. Rieper, calm and calculated, guided it clear.

However, they were isolated moments of excitement. West Ham held tight and frequently raided through the middle, with Hutchison, Moncur and Rush all wasting promising possibilities. "There's a lot worse teams in the league than us," Redknapp said. "Of course we can get out of this."

ARSENAL (4-4-2): V Bartram — L Dixon, A Linighan, S Bould, N Winterburn — R Parlour, J Jensen (sub: S Morrow, 78min), S Schwarz, G Helder (sub: C Kiwomya, 78) — P Merson, I Wright.
WEST HAM UNITED (4-3-3): L Miklosko — T Breacker, M Rieper, S Potts, J Dicks — M Allen, I Bishop, J Moncur — T Morley (sub: M Rush, 80), D Hutchison, A Cottee.
Referee: B Hill.

Garnett keeps Tranmere comfortable at the top

Sunderland 0
Tranmere 1

By Louise Taylor

ON A day dominated by defenders, it was perhaps appropriate that the winning goal came from a centre half's head. By rising to meet John Morrissey's cross nine minutes from time, Shaun Garnett extended Tranmere's lead at the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division to three points.

Thus, on a raw afternoon at Roker Park, Rovers reminded rivals of their promotion potential while Sunderland discovered their relegation worries were far from over. Another home defeat prompted a post-match demonstration by disaffected supporters, with chants of "Sack the Board," and "Bob Murray out" echoing around the old ground for a good 30 minutes after the final whistle. Considering the sub-zero chill, this represented quite a show of resolve against Sunderland's majority shareholder, whose lack of investment has left the club struggling in Newcastle's shadow.

Yet the final result could have been different, perhaps would have been had Russell, showing everyone a clear pair of heels, scored instead of striking a post in the opening seconds. The striker's slight hesitancy before shooting had enabled Nixon, the visiting goalkeeper, to restrict his options.

In turn, more marked hesitancy on Malkin's part denied Tranmere an early goal. This time, Scott was able to slide in with a saving tackle, atoning for Ball's initial blunder.

The next clear chance was Sunderland's, as was the next bad miss. After 25 minutes, Russell won a penalty after Garnett apparently fouled him; however, Gray directed the kick straight at Nixon and, although the goalkeeper looked a good two yards off his line, the referee had no complaints as he parried the shot to safety.

Thereafter, though some encouraging wing play from Smith, for Sunderland, and Morrissey, for Tranmere, promised much, attempts on goal became fewer and less obvious. Smith, nevertheless, impressed. With his slumped shoulders, untucked shirt and floppy Just William-type hairstyle, Smith looks like an embryo Chris Waddle. It is a similarity that could well grow in coming seasons.

Yesterday, Smith had to settle for directing Sunderland's best chance after the break, a low, stinging shot from the edge of the area that was diverted for a corner by the stretching Nixon.

As sunshine gave way to sleet, Aldridge, just back from injury, stepped off the Tranmere substitutes' bench. He did not score, but his mere presence was probably enough to inspire Morrissey to make that cross and for Garnett to climb above Sunderland's defence to dispatch that vital header.

It was not as if Buxton's side had not been warned. Midway through the second period, a supporter strayed on to the pitch and marched straight up to Ferguson. Presumably, he advised the midfield player to try passing forwards rather than perpetually backwards or sideways. This lack of desire to assume any real responsibility among Sunderland's ranks possibly explains why they have won only twice at home in the league all season.

Afterwards, Buxton insisted Sunderland "had most of the game". In truth, a Tranmere defence, well-marshalled by the assured McGreal and with Thomas keeping things tight at right back, rarely looked unduly ruffled.

SUNDERLAND (3-4-3): A Norman — G Bennett, K Ball, R Ord — D Kubicki, S Agnew, D Ferguson, M Scott — M Smith, C Russell, P Gray (sub: L Howey, 69min)
TRANMERE ROVERS (4-4-2). E Nixon — A Thomas, J McGreal, S Garnett, G Stevens — J Morrissey, L O'Brien, G Brannan (sub: K Irons, 64), P Nevin — I Muir, C Malkin (sub. J Aldridge, 68).
Referee: R Poulain.

Dolan pleads not guilty to ills of Hull society

Hull City 0
Birmingham City 0

By Pat Gibson

TERRY DOLAN'S claim that he was happy to be the manager of Hull City rather than Birmingham City seemed a strange assertion after some of his club's supporters had attacked the visiting team's coach on the way to the ground, one of his players had been sent off and another had been lucky not to go the same way.

There are some things, however, which are beyond the manager's control, such as the problems of society and the foibles of referees, and Dolan was talking about the way the side he has built on a shoestring had held the biggest spenders in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division.

That may sound like an abdication of responsibility when the match itself had inevitably been overshadowed by another outbreak of hooliganism in which Birmingham's bus, held up in traffic a mile from the ground, had three windows broken by bricks and their manager, Barry Fry, had his chin nicked by flying glass.

To his credit, Fry refused to use the incident as an excuse for anything that happened on the field and Dolan had a point when he said: "My job is to try to make Hull City a better football team. I cannot have much effect on what the idiots are doing elsewhere — not just in Hull but everywhere.

"The only way I can improve society is by making sure my players behave themselves on the field and that my children are brought up the right way. If everybody did that, we wouldn't have these problems, would we?

"What happened will be the talking point but I'm more concerned that we have matched Birmingham when their squad has cost £3 million and ours has cost £60,000. I'm proud of my players today and I just wish the people of Hull would realise what we are capable of doing and somebody somewhere would give us some financial backing."

Dolan's pride in Hull's performance was not diminished by having Hobson sent off in the 62nd minute when Francis, Birmingham's 6ft 7in striker, toppled like a felled oak with only the goalkeeper between him and goal, or that Windass should have gone too when he swung a boot at Tait.

Birmingham could not make the most of their numerical advantage. The closest they went to scoring was when the substitute, Saville, failed to make contact with the ball from only two yards after Fettis had blocked a shot from Francis with his legs.

HULL CITY (5-3-2): A Fettis — C Lee, N Allison, G Hobson, R Dewhurst, J Graham — W Joyce, D Windass, N Mann (sub: R Peacock, 78min) — I Ormondroyd, L Brown.
BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): I Bennett — G Poole, D Barnett, L Daish, C Whyte — L Donowa (sub: S Robinson, 65), P Shearer, P Tait, R Otto — S Claridge (sub. A Saville, 60), K Francis.
Referee: R Furnandiz.

Colchester free-for-all fails to impress crowd

Colchester United 1
Darlington 0

By Ivo Tennant

LOSING 9-0 against Manchester United was not the worst aspect of George Burley's week. An Ipswich manager must reckon on being beaten at Old Trafford, if not quite by a cricket score. Altogether less pleasant was the writ that was slapped on him by his former employers, Colchester United.

Heavy defeats go away — normally at the next home match — but writs do not. Colchester and Ipswich having been unable to come to an agreement over compensation for Burley's move, this was evidently the next resort.

The extent to which this affected him in the run-up to the game at Old Trafford can only be surmised, but there was no doubting the glee at Layer Road when the scoreline was relayed from the North.

The team that Burley left behind is now managed by Steve Wignall. It would be nice to report that the reason for there being a sell-out crowd of 6,055 owed everything to the football Colchester play, but the reality was that this was apparently the first totally free match in the United Kingdom.

The lottery and transport to the ground were likewise free and even a cup of coffee was thrown in. This was a splendid initiative, although just how many will return and pay £7 for so doing remains to be seen.

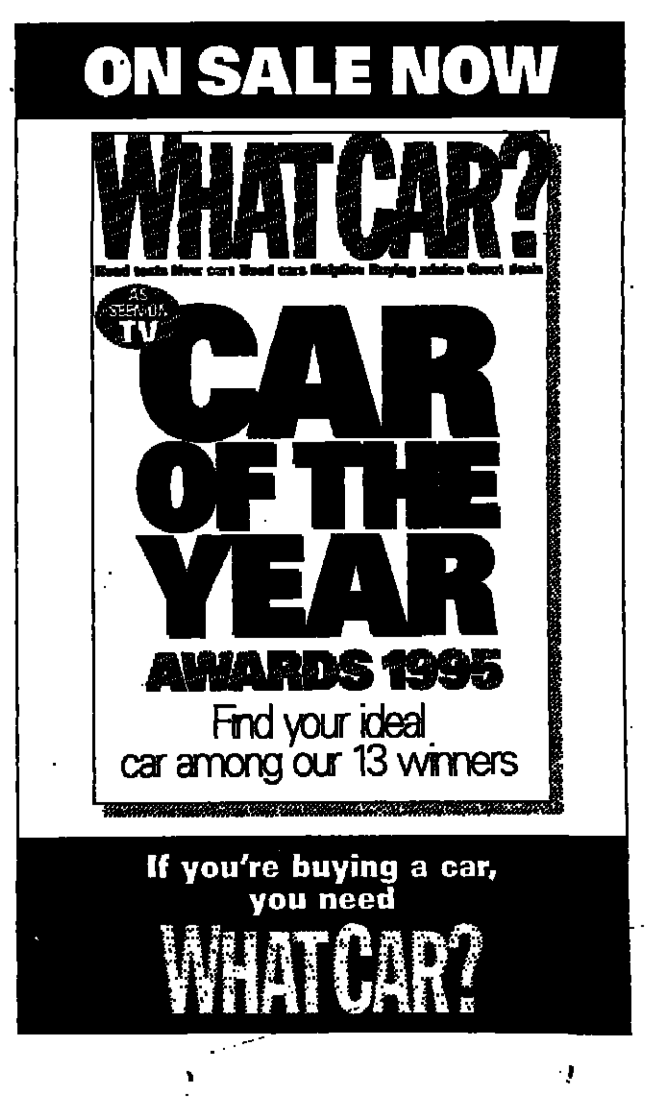
The football was not of the highest order, but then it is not at many grounds outside Old Trafford. Colchester won through a goal scored in the third minute by Asaba, but Darlington deserved a draw at least.

Darlington also have a new manager, Paul Futcher, who was appointed only on Friday. It would be stretching a point to say that he follows in a noble line of managers, but Brian Little was once the encumbent, and so too was Cyril Knowles.

Futcher is a realist, which might explain why he was recommended to Darlington by no fewer than three top-flight managers. "The contract does not run beyond the end of the season, but I was only at home doing nothing," he said. "We could still face relegation and I can't say I'm going to tell the players to knock the ball around like Brazil."

Had it not been for an error by Pollitt that led to Asaba's goal, the result would have been more just. Upon such twists do managers come and go, and when writs arrive even in this soporific part of the country, you know they go more quickly than they come.

COLCHESTER UNITED (4-3-3). C Emberson — M Kinsella, P Cawley, G Caesar, S Betts — A Locke, T Dennis, T Putney — C Fry, S Whitton (sub: S Brown, 68min), C Asaba.
DARLINGTON (4-4-2): M Pollitt — M Appleby, I Banks, S Gregan, G Himsworth — S Shaw (sub: R Blake, 82), G Chapman, P Olsson, S Gaughan — B Slaven, R Painter.
Referee: A Butler.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ASTON VILLA (0) 0 **BLACKBURN RVRS** (1) 1
40,114
Hendry 12

Aston Villa: M Bosnich, G Charles, S Staunton, S Teale, P *McGrath, U Ehiogu, I Taylor, D Yorke, D Saunders, T Johnson* (sub: G Fenton, 75min), A Townsend (sub: R Houghton, 19). Booked: Staunton, Yorke, Johnson.

Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, C Sutton, H Berg, T Sherwood, C Hendry, *G Le Saux, S Ripley, M Atkins,* A Shearer, I Pearce, J Wilcox.
Referee: R Gifford.

LEEDS UNITED (0) 0 **SHEFFIELD WED** (1) 1
33,750
Waddle 10

Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, D Wetherall, J Pemberton, A *Dorigo, R Wallace (sub: P Masinga, 69min), G McAllister,* C Palmer, G Speed, B Deane, A Yeboah.
Booked: Wetherall, *Pemberton.*

Sheffield Wednesday: C Woods, D Petrescu (sub: A Sinton, *70), P Atherton, D Walker, A Pearce, I Nolan, M Williams, G* Hyde, C Bart-Williams, C Waddle, M Bright.
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).

LEICESTER CITY (0) 2 **EVERTON** (2) 2
Draper 60
Roberts 82
20,447
Limpar 6
Samways 45

Leicester City: K Poole, S Grayson, N Lewis, C Hill (sub: J Lawrence, 69min), J Willis, G Parker, *M Galloway, M Draper,* I Roberts, M Robins, D Lowe.
Booked: Grayson, Galloway

Everton: N Southall, A Hinchcliffe, E Barrett, D Watson, V Samways, D Ferguson, B Horne, A Limpar (sub: G Stuart, 60), J Parkinson, S Barlow (sub: M Jackson, 69), D Unsworth.
Booked: Southall, Limpar, Unsworth, Parkinson.
Sent off: Samways, 49; Ferguson, 61.
Referee: P Durkin.

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 **NEWCASTLE UTD** (0) 0
Fowler 57
Rush 63
39,300

Liverpool: D James, R Jones, J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb, S McManaman, J Barnes, J Redknapp, M Walters (sub: M Thomas, 76min), I Rush, R Fowler.
Booked: Jones, Scales.

Newcastle United: P Srnicek, B Venison, J Beresford, R Fox (sub: P Bracewell, 83), S Howey, R Lee, P Beardsley (sub: S Watson, 45), M Hottiger, D Peacock, K Gillespie, P Kitson.
Booked: Hottiger.
Referee: P Jones.

MANCHESTER UTD (3) 9 **IPSWICH TOWN** (0) 0
Keane 15
Cole 19, 37, 53, 65, 87
Hughes 55, 59
Ince 72
43,804

Manchester United: P Schmeichel, *R Keane* (sub: L Sharpe, 45min), D Irwin, S Bruce (sub: N Butt, 80), A Kanchelskis, G Pallister, A Cole, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, R Giggs.
Ipswich Town: C Forrest, F Yallop, N Thompson, J Wark, D Linighan, S Palmer, G Williams, S Sedgley, S Slater, A Mathie, L Chapman (sub: I Marshall, 64).
Booked: Forrest, Linighan.
Referee: G Poll

NORWICH CITY (0) 1 **MANCHESTER CITY** (0) 1
Cureton 82
16,266
Simpson 86

Norwich City: A Marshall, C Bradshaw, J Cureton, M Bowen, D Eadie, M Milligan (sub: M Sheron, 69min), J Polston, R Newman, A Ward, A Johnson, N Adams.
Booked: Milligan, Ward, Johnson.
Manchester City: A Coton, T Phelan, M Gaudino (sub: A Hill, 88), K Curle, *M Vonk* (sub: C Griffiths, 85), *P Walsh,* N Quinn, I Brightwell, A Kernaghan, N Summerbee, F Simpson.
Booked: Curle, Brightwell.
Referee: D Gallagher.

NOTTM FOREST (0) 2 **TOTTENHAM** (0) 2
Bohinen 84
Lee 85
28,711
Sheringham 79
Calderwood 87

Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, D Phillips, L Bohinen, S Collymore, S Stone, I Woan, A-I Haaland, B Roy (sub: J Lee, 81min).
Booked: Lyttle.
Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, D Austin, J Edinburgh, C *Calderwood, G Mabbutt, N Barmby, D Anderton,* E Sheringham, R Rosenthal, D Howells, J Klinsmann.
Referee: G Ashby.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 **COVENTRY CITY** (0) 0
14,505

Southampton: B Grobbelaar, J Kenna, F Benali, K Monkou, *R Hall, J Magilton, M Le Tissier,* J Dodd, N Shipperley, N Maddison, N Heaney (sub: C Maskell, 74min).
Booked: Benali, Monkou.
Coventry City: J Gould, A Pickering, D Burrows, K Richardson, D Rennie, B Borrows, S Flynn, M Marsh, D Dublin, P Cook, P Ndlovu.
Booked: Pickering, Flynn, Dublin.
Referee: K Morton.

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 **QPR** (1) 3
Holdsworth 12
9,176
Ferdinand 24, 58
Holloway 48

Wimbledon: H Segers, W Barton, V Jones, R Earle (sub: A Clarke, 45min), D Holdsworth, A Reeves, A Kimble, C Perry, M Harford, O Leonhardsen (sub: J Goodman, 78), K Cunningham.
Booked: Reeves, Kimble.
Queens Park Rangers: A Roberts, C Wilson, K Ready, A McDonald, A Impey, I Holloway, L Ferdinand (sub: G Penrice, 65), S Barker, R Brevett, D Maddix, K Gallen.
Booked: Ready.
Referee: G Willard.

Yesterday

ARSENAL (0) 0 **WEST HAM UTD** (1) 1
35,295
Hutchison 20

Arsenal: V Bartram, L Dixon, N Winterburn, S Schwarz, S *Bould, A Linighan, J Jensen (sub: S Morrow, 77min),* I Wright, R Parlour, P Merson, G Helder (sub: C Kiwomya, 77).
West Ham United: L Miklosko, T Breacker, S Potts, M Rieper, J Dicks, M Allen, I Bishop, J Moncur, D Hutchison, A Cottee, T Morley (sub: *M Rush, 80).*
Booked: Moncur, Hutchison.
Referee: B Hill.

CHELSEA (0) 0 **CRYSTAL PALACE** (0) 0
14,130

Chelsea: K Hitchcock, S Clarke, A Myers, E Johnsen, F Sinclair, J Spencer (sub: D Rocastle, 19min), M Stein, G Peacock, C Burley, N Spackman, E Newton.
Booked: Clarke.
Crystal Palace: N Martyn, D Gordon, G Southgate, E Young (sub: *D Matthew,* 58), I Dowie, J Salako, R Shaw, D Pitcher, A Preece (sub: G Ndah, 80), O Patterson, R Newman.
Referee: *M Reed.*

Ferdinand: two for QPR

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Shearer (Blackburn)	26	2	1	29
Fowler (Liverpool)	22	4	0	26
Ward (Norwich) (17 for Crewe)	14	9	0	23
Cole (Man Utd) (15 for Newcastle)	16	2	4	22
Le Tissier (Southampton)	13	9	0	22
Klinsmann (Tottenham)	14	7	0	21
Wright (Arsenal)	12	3	0	21
Sutton (Blackburn)	14	5	0	20
Ferdinand (QPR)	16	2	0	18

DISCIPLINARY TRENDS

MANCHESTER UNITED'S 9-0 win over Ipswich Town, a record in the FA Carling Premiership, can be dismissed as a freak statistic. However, another which is rapidly becoming a trend is the number of double sendings off. Everton's double dismissal at the weekend was their second of the season and the sixth of its kind in the in the Premiership this season. Other clubs to fall foul of two red cards in one match are *Arsenal, Leicester City, Manchester City* and West Ham United, although had Alvin Martin's dismissal *reduced to a booking on appeal. Duncan Ferguson,* of Everton, joins an infamous group of players on two *Premiership sendings off in 1994-95. Andy Townsend* (Aston Villa), Jason Wilcox (Blackburn) and Vinny Jones (Wimbledon).

	P	Bkd	S-o	'93 bkd	'93 s-o
Arsenal	31	44	4	32	1
Aston Villa	32	48	2	22	1
Blackburn	31	46	4	26	0
Chelsea	29	35	3	26	2
Coventry	31	38	3	14	0
Crystal Palace	30	43	1	30	1
Everton	31	58	5	32	0
Ipswich	31	44	1	24	0
Leeds	29	51	0	35	0
Leicester	30	55	6	82	5
Liverpool	29	24	1	32	1
Manchester City	30	43	3	34	0
Manchester Utd	31	54	3	29	2
Newcastle	31	39	2	22	1
Norwich	30	52	0	26	3
Nottm Forest	31	47	1	39	2
QPR	28	47	3	31	3
Sheffield Wed	31	40	3	21	2
Southampton	29	49	0	43	1
* Tottenham	29	35	1	26	1
* *West Ham*	30	48	3	24	1
Wimbledon	30	53	5	35	0
Totals	332	989	55	685	27

* Tottenham and West Ham have had dismissals reduced to a booking

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Blackburn	31	13	2	1	44	15	8	4	3	20	11	69	+38
2 Man Utd	31	13	1	1	36	3	7	5	4	26	19	66	+40
3 Newcastle	31	10	5	0	33	13	6	4	6	19	20	57	+19
4 Liverpool	29	9	5	1	27	7	6	4	4	23	16	54	+27
5 Nottm For	31	7	5	3	24	16	6	4	6	20	19	48	+9
6 *Tottenham*	29	6	3	5	23	20	6	5	4	25	22	44	+6
7 Leeds	29	8	4	3	21	12	3	6	5	14	17	43	+6
8 Sheff Wed	31	5	6	5	20	17	6	3	6	20	23	42	0
9 *Arsenal*	31	4	7	5	17	17	6	3	6	18	16	40	+2
10 Wimbledon	30	7	2	5	19	20	4	4	8	17	33	39	-17
11 Aston Villa	32	5	7	4	24	17	4	4	8	22	29	36	0
12 Coventry	31	6	5	5	18	20	3	6	6	15	27	38	-14
13 Chelsea	29	4	6	5	20	15	5	4	5	17	24	37	-2
14 Norwich	30	7	6	3	22	17	2	4	8	6	17	37	-6
15 *Man City*	30	6	6	4	29	20	3	4	7	9	25	37	-7
16 QPR	28	6	3	4	24	19	3	5	7	19	28	35	-4
17 Everton	31	7	5	3	24	17	1	6	9	8	24	35	-9
18 *Soton*	29	4	6	4	18	18	2	8	5	22	28	32	-6
19 West Ham	30	6	3	6	17	16	3	2	10	11	23	32	-11
20 C Palace	30	3	4	8	9	18	4	6	5	12	13	31	-10
21 *Ipswich*	31	4	2	10	21	30	2	3	10	10	39	23	-38
22 Leicester	30	3	5	6	18	21	1	4	11	15	35	21	-23

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BOLTON WDRS (1) 3 **SOUTHEND UTD** (0) 0
Thompson 32
Lee 55
McAteer 71
10,766

BURNLEY (0) 1 **WEST BROMWICH** (0) 1
Robinson 89
11,885
Hunt 53

CHARLTON ATH (1) 1 **NOTTS COUNTY** (0) 0
Mortimer 31
13,638

GRIMSBY TOWN (1) 1 **SWINDON TOWN** (0) 1
Watson 23
4,934
Taylor 90

LUTON TOWN (1) 1 **MILLWALL** (0) 1
Marshall 33
6,864
Mitchell 57

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 3 **BRISTOL CITY** (0) 0
Fuchs 10, 48, 65
17,371

READING (1) 4 **WATFORD** (0) 1
Gilkes 43, *77*
Holsgrove 80
Hartenberger 88
Phillips 90
9,705

SHEFFIELD UTD *(0)* 1 **PORT VALE** *(0)* 1
Veart 52
13,647
Glover 77

STOKE CITY (0) 0 **DERBY COUNTY** (0) 0
13,462

Postponed: Barnsley v Oldham Athletic.

Yesterday

SUNDERLAND (0) 0 **TRANMERE RVRS** (0) 1
Garnett 81
12,043

WOLVERHAMPTON *(0)* 1 ***PORTSMOUTH*** *(0) 0*
Bull 73
23,284

SECOND DIVISION

BRENTFORD (1) 2 **CREWE ALEXANDRA** (0) 0
Mundee 9
Taylor 90
7,143

BRISTOL R (1) 4 **SHREWSBURY TN** (0) 0
Taylor 10
Archer 51
Browning 85
Miller (pen) 89
4,338

CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 0 **BRIGHTON** (1) 2
3,856
Chapman 24
Myall 85

CARDIFF CITY (1) 1 **BOURNEMOUTH** (1) 1
Dale 13
3,008
Fletcher 37

CHESTER CITY *(1)* 1 ***PLYMOUTH ARGYLE*** *(0) 0*
Rimmer 2
1,823

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 **BRADFORD CITY** (0) 0
17,404

HULL CITY (0) 0 **BIRMINGHAM C** (0) 0
9,854

LEYTON ORIENT (1) 1 ***OXFORD UTD*** *(0)* 1
West 4
4,052
Moody 64

ROTHERHAM UTD (0) 0 **PETERBOROUGH** *(0)* 0
3,123

WREXHAM (0) 0 **BLACKPOOL** (0) 1
4,251
Watson 85

WYCOMBE WDRS (0) 1 **STOCKPORT CO** (1) 1
Evans 71
5,275
Gannon 9

YORK CITY (1) 2 **SWANSEA CITY** (1) 4
Canham 21
Barnes 51
2,920
Bowen 40, 55
Torpey 77
Hodge (pen) 90

THIRD DIVISION

BARNET (1) 2 ***TORQUAY UTD*** *(0) 0*
Freedman 30
Gale 68
1,816

CARLISLE UTD (2) 2 **NORTHAMPTON TN** (0) 1
Walling 33, 45
6,755
Martin 90

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 **BURY** (0) 0
4,429

COLCHESTER UTD (1) 1 **DARLINGTON** (0) 0
Asaba 3
6,055

EXETER CITY (1) 2 **MANSFIELD TOWN** (1) 3
Phillips 21
Minett (pen) 68
2,458
Wilkinson 3, 49
Onuora 69

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 **WALSALL** (0) 3
Foster 70
3,669
Lightbourne 52, 56
Houghton 81

HEREFORD UTD (0) 1 **FULHAM** (1) 1
Pick 86
2,895
Jupp 44

LINCOLN CITY *(0)* 3 **HARTLEPOOL** *(0) 0*
Bannister 68
Carbon 69
Daws (pen) 80
6,477

PRESTON NE (0) 2 **DONCASTER R** (1) 2
Davey 47
Beckham 56
9,624
Jones 35
Wilcox 76

Postponed: Rochdale v Scarborough, Wigan v Scunthorpe

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Allison (Bristol City), 34, Gibbs (Watford), 70.
Second division: Cowan (Huddersfield Town), 63; Hobson (Hull City), 62; Canham (York City), 90.
Third division: Scott (Barnet), 46, Gibson (Barnet), 69, Moore (Torquay United), 66; Tait (Hartlepool United), 80.

GOALSCORERS

First division: 23 Fjortoft (Swindon). 20 Aldridge (Tranmere). 18 Whyte (Charlton). 17 Creaney (Portsmouth). 16 Malkin (Tranmere); Kelly (Wolverhampton). 15 *Hendrie (Middlesbrough).* McGinlay (Bolton). 14 Blake (Sheffield United); Foyle (Port Vale). Scott (Stoke, *12 for Swindon).* 13 McCarthy (Oldham); Woods (Grimsby), Gray (Sunderland) 12 Marshall (Luton), Peschisolido (Stoke): Redfearn (Barnsley): Nogan (Burnley, 12 for Brighton): Bull (Wolverhampton). 11 Allison (Bristol City): *Mendonca* (Grimsby), Ritchie (Oldham); Nogan (Reading, 9 for Watford). 10 Veart (Sheffield *United); Pastelainen (Bolton).*

Second division: 31 Bennett (Wrexham) 22 Forster (Brentford). Booth (Huddersfield); Stewart (Bristol Rovers) 20 Moody (Oxford United); Goater (Rotherham). 18 *Taylor* (Brentford); Jepson (Huddersfield) 17 Corazzin (Cambridge United) *18 Barnes (York); Charlery (Peterborough);* Miller (Bristol Rovers). 15 Ellis (Blackpool). Butler *(Cambridge United).* 14 *Jewell (Bradford);* Watson (Blackpool); West (Leyton Orient) 13 Brown (Hull); *Francis (Stockport); Claridge (Birmingham);* Taylor (Bradford), Torpey (Swansea). 12 Windass (Hull); Clarke (Shrewsbury); Spink (Shrewsbury).

Third division: 20 Wilkinson (Mansfield). 19 *Reeves (Carlisle),* 18 Lightbourne *(Walsall);* Freedman (Barnet). 17 Stant (Bury, 15 for Cardiff), 14 Carter (Bury); White (Hereford). 13 Hadley (Mansfield), Wilson (Walsall) 12 Holland (Mansfield); Pike (Gillingham), Whitehall (Rochdale).

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

HIBERNIAN *(0)* 1 **RANGERS** (0) 1
Wright 75
12,059
McCall 58

KILMARNOCK *(2)* 2 ***DUNDEE UTD*** *(0) 0*
Mitchell 6, 44
7,630

PARTICK (0) 0 **HEARTS** (0) 0
4,500

(abandoned, 57min)

Postponed: Motherwell v Falkirk.

Yesterday

CELTIC (1) 2 **ABERDEEN** (0) 0
Van Hooydonk 40 (pen), 78
20,623

FIRST DIVISION

DUNDEE (1) 2 **HAMILTON** (0) 0
Britton 2
Teasdale 71
2,342

STRANRAER (0) 0 **ST MIRREN** (0) 0
1,150

(abandoned, 45min)

Postponed: Airdrie v Raith; Clydebank v Ayr; *Dunfermline* v St Johnstone.

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK (1) 1 **MEADOWBANK** (0) 0
Hawke 20
455

BRECHIN (1) 2 **STIRLING** (0) 1
Brand 27
Price 82
Watters 77
513

EAST FIFE (0) 0 **DUMBARTON** (1) 2
712
Ward 45, 89

Postponed: Greenock *Morton* v *Clyde;* Stenhousemuir v Queen of South.

THIRD DIVISION

CALEY THIS (2) 3 **COWDENBEATH** (0) 1
McAllister 16
MacMillan 27
Mitchell 64
De Mello 49
424

FORFAR *(3)* 4 **ROSS COUNTY** *(2)* 2
Bingham 5, 17
Hannigan 26
Ross 89
Grant 20
Macleod 33
880

ARBROATH (0) 2 **ALBION** (0) 0
Pew 58
Scott 59
438

Postponed: Alloa v Montrose; East Stirling v Queen's Park.

SENDINGS OFF

Second division: McCulloch (Stirling), 75; Wilson (East Fife), 75
Third division: Davidson (Albion), 28.

CONFERENCE

KETTERING (0) 0 **BATH CITY** (0) 0
1,218

STAFFORD R (2) 2 **TELFORD UTD** (1) 2
Mardenborough 6
Duffin 21
782
Roberts 18
Myers 54

STALYBRIDGE (0) 1 **BROMSGROVE** (1) 1
Wheeler 82
597
Stott 27

WELLING UTD (2) 4 **DAG & RED** (0) 1
Barnes 15
Brown 45
Copley 57
Robbins 63
Haag 60
922

YEOVIL TOWN (0) 1 **DOVER ATH** (2) 3
Browne (og) 58
1,832
Watten (og) 19
Laws 40
Chambers 89

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					*AWAY*					
1 *Macclesfield*	*29*	*13*	*3*	*2*	*36*	*13*	*7*	*2*	*2*	*22*	*12*	*65*
2 Altrincham	29	8	1	7	29	22	7	4	2	33	17	50
3 Southport	32	9	2	4	38	18	6	3	8	15	26	50
4 Gateshead	31	9	3	4	22	10	5	3	7	22	30	48
5 Halifax	28	9	4	1	37	12	4	4	6	16	25	47
6 Kidderminster	32	6	4	6	23	18	7	4	5	30	28	47
7 Woking	27	6	5	2	29	18	7	2	5	20	22	46
8 *Kettering*	*31*	*9*	*4*	*3*	*27*	*16*	*4*	*3*	*8*	*18*	*21*	*46*
9 Bromsgrove	33	7	5	3	32	26	5	4	9	30	28	45
10 Northwich	29	6	6	4	30	21	5	5	3	24	18	44
11 Farnborough	31	6	4	4	14	15	6	3	8	16	27	43
12 Stevenage	28	6	2	6	27	21	6	2	6	18	15	40
13 *Runcorn*	*31*	*8*	*5*	*2*	*29*	*21*	*3*	*2*	*11*	*17*	*37*	*40*
14 Bath	32	6	4	5	27	25	4	5	8	19	28	39
15 Welling	30	7	2	7	27	28	4	3	7	21	29	38
16 Stalybridge	32	8	2	5	23	21	2	6	9	30	35	38
17 Telford	28	8	5	1	21	11	1	4	9	13	25	36
18 Dag & Red	33	5	4	7	21	27	4	5	8	20	31	36
19 Dover	29	3	8	2	15	12	4	4	8	15	25	33
20 *Merthyr*	*27*	*7*	*3*	*5*	*28*	*22*	*1*	*4*	*7*	*12*	*25*	*31*
21 Yeovil	30	4	3	8	19	22	2	5	8	14	30	25
22 Stafford	32	2	4	9	21	27	3	6	8	20	39	25

GOALSCORERS

Scottish Premier: 17 Coyne (Motherwell) 14 Hateley (Rangers). 12 O'Neil (Hibernian). Robertson (Hearts) 11 Jackson (Hibernian); Laudrup (Rangers). 10 Dodds (Aberdeen); Collins (Celtic). Meskrey (Kilmarnock) 9 Booth (Aberdeen), Nixon (Dundee United). 8 Brewster (Dundee United). Shearer (Aberdeen). 7 Clark (Falkirk). McGinlay (Hibernian).

First division: 21 O'Boyle (St Johnstone). Petrie (Dunfermline) 18 Britton (Dundee). Smith (Airdrie). *16 Dalziel (Raith). Duffield (Hamilton).* 12 French (Dunfermline): Shaw (Dundee) 11 Lawrence *(Airdrie); Crawford (Raith); Cooper (Airdrie):* Graham (Raith). 10 Eadie (Clydebank). Cameron (Raith). 9 Grady (Clydebank)

Second division: 14 Hawke (Berwick) 13 Scott (East Fife). 12 Mooney (Dumbarton). Lilley (Greenock Morton). 10 Irvine (Berwick): Alexander (Greenock Morton): Watters (Stirling). Steel (Stenhousemuir); McInnes (Stirling) 9 Rajamaki (Greenock Morton); Ward (Dumbarton). Taggart (Stirling). 8 Hutchinson (Stenhousemuir). Bryce (Queen of South); Dickson (Clyde).

Third division: 24 Yardley (Cowdenbeath). 17 Kennedy (Montrose) 14 McGlashan (Montrose) 13 *Bingham (Forfar);* Grant *(Ross County)* 9 Moffat (Alloa): McPherson (Ross County) 8 *Geraghty (East Stirling); McCormick (Forfar);* McAneney (Alloa): Orr (Queen's Park) 7 Macleod (Ross County); *Tosh* (Arbroath): Connelly (Ross County). 6 Lee (East Stirling).

Sforza, of Kaiserslautern, jumps clear of the Borussia Dortmund defence during their first division match which Kaiserslautern won 1-0. Photograph: Arne Dedert

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND

Premier division: Chorley 0 Buxton 1; Frickley 3 Winsford 0; Gainsborough 2 Bishop Auckland 2; Horwich 0 Boston 4; Knowsley 0 Barrow 2; Matlock 1 Colwyn Bay 2; Spennymoor 2 Droylsden 1; Whitley Bay 0 Emley 3; Witton 0 Accrington Stanley 0.

	P	*W*	*D*	*L*	*F*	*A*	*Pt*
Marine	33	23	8	2	64	22	77
Morecambe	*31*	*21*	*6*	*4*	*71*	*28*	*69*
Guiseley	30	20	7	3	70	39	67
Boston Utd	*32*	*16*	*8*	*8*	*64*	*32*	*56*
Gainsboro	33	14	10	9	59	45	52
Hyde	29	14	6	9	52	41	48
Spennymoor	30	14	6	10	46	40	48
Barrow	31	15	2	14	51	49	47
Witton	33	11	13	9	41	41	46
B Auckland	30	13	6	11	51	38	45
Buxton	32	13	6	13	46	46	45
Colwyn Bay	29	13	4	12	59	57	43
Emley	31	11	9	11	49	51	42
Chorley	33	10	6	17	51	67	36
Winsford	33	9	8	16	48	58	35
Knowsley	31	8	9	14	48	60	33
A Stanley	31	7	10	14	33	60	31
Frickley	31	7	9	15	42	58	30
Matlock	28	9	2	17	33	50	29
Horwich	34	8	4	22	43	68	28
Droylsden	30	7	5	18	39	74	26
Whitley Bay	35	6	8	21	41	77	26

First division: Alfreton 2 Atherton LR 1. Blyth Spartans 3 Great Harwood 2. *Congleton 2 Gretna 1.* Harrogate 1 Mossley 0. Lancaster 2 Bamber Bridge 2: Netherfield *2 Eastwood 0; Worksop 3 Goole 0* Postponed: Ashton v Warrington; Caernarfon v Radcliffe; Fleetwood v Curzon Ashton

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Burton 2 Trowbridge 0; Dorchester 0 Hednesford 0. Gloucester 2 Corby 2; Gresley 1 Atherstone 2; Hastings 1 Gravesend and Northfleet 2; Sudbury 1 Leek 3. VS Rugby 2 Solihull 3; Worcester 3 Chelmsford 0 Postponed: Crawley v *Cheltenham.*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	29	20	7	2	69	29	67
Gloucester	29	18	5	6	60	29	59
Cheltenham	26	17	5	4	60	24	56
Dorchester	26	14	5	7	54	36	47
Burton	27	13	8	6	40	31	47
Leek Town	27	13	7	7	52	37	46
Rushden D	26	13	6	7	63	39	45
Gresley R	28	13	5	10	53	47	44
Worcester	29	11	8	10	33	27	41
Cambridge	27	12	5	10	41	41	41
Halesowen	29	10	9	10	59	51	39
Gravesend	27	9	9	9	24	30	36
Solihull	30	7	12	11	32	47	33
Chelmsford	24	8	5	11	35	36	29
Hastings	26	7	8	11	29	33	29
Sudbury	27	7	6	14	35	57	27
Atherstone	29	6	9	14	31	53	27
Sittingbourne	29	7	6	16	30	53	27
VS Rugby	27	6	8	13	29	45	26
Crawley	27	7	5	15	36	56	26
Trowbridge	27	4	9	14	27	45	21
Corby Town	28	3	7	18	27	73	16

Midland division: Bridgnorth 1 Stourbridge 2: Grantham 0 Forest Green 0, Hinckley 2 Evesham 1: King's Lynn 3 Sutton Coldfield 2: Leicester 4 Nuneaton 3, Newport AFC 3 *Bedworth 0: RC Warwick 6 Rothwell 1.* Postponed: Bilston v Armitage, Dudley v Redditch. Moor Green v Buckingham

Southern division: Bashley 4 Yate 0: *Braintree 2 Baldock 2: Burnham 0 Fareham* 0, Clevedon 0 Newport IOW 2 Havant 0 *Ashford 0: Waterlooville* 4 Erith and Belvedere 0: Wealdstone 2 Fisher 93 2, Weston-super-Mare 0 Tonbridge AFC 1: Witney 1 Salisbury 1.

DIADORA

Premier division: Aylesbury 1 Hendon 0; Bromley 0 Bishop's Stortford 1; Carshalton 1 Yeading 1; Dulwich 1 Wokingham 1; Grays 1 Harrow 1; Hayes 1 St Albans 1; Hitchin 1 Sutton 1; Marlow 1 Kingstonian 0; Purfleet 3 Chesham 1; Walton and Hersham 1 Molesey 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hayes	28	16	9	3	45	24	57
Enfield	27	14	8	5	58	33	50
Aylesbury	24	14	4	6	48	25	46
Slough	24	12	8	4	48	33	44
Dulwich	29	12	8	9	50	46	44
Carshalton	*29*	*13*	*5*	*11*	*49*	*50*	*44*
Bromley	28	12	7	9	48	43	43
Purfleet	*30*	*11*	*9*	*10*	*60*	*62*	*42*
Harrow	28	12	5	11	44	42	41
St Albans	*24*	*11*	*7*	*6*	*67*	*52*	*40*
Walton H	28	10	8	10	57	49	38
Yeading	27	9	11	7	46	43	38
Molesey	27	10	6	11	41	40	36
Kingstonian	28	10	6	12	44	44	36
Grays	29	8	12	9	39	42	36
B Stortford	30	8	9	13	40	61	33
Hitchin	25	7	10	8	39	43	31
Sutton Utd	27	7	7	13	39	43	28
Hendon	27	7	7	13	33	45	28
Chesham	26	6	6	14	40	55	24
Marlow	27	4	8	15	29	57	20
Wokingham	26	4	4	18	28	60	16

First division: Abingdon 2 Uxbridge 2; Billericay 1 Tooting and Mitcham 2. Bognor Regis 5 Newbury 3. Chertsey 4 Ruislip Manor 1. Dorking 0 Heybridge Swifts 3. Whyteleafe 3 Staines 2: Wivenhoe 0 Aldershot 2. Worthing 1 Wembley 0. Postponed: Basingstoke v Leyton; *Berkhamsted v Maidenhead* Second division: Bracknell 1 Saffron Walden 1; *Cheshunt 2 Malden Vale 0:* Egham 3 Croydon 1. Hampton 2 Barton 1. Leatherhead 2 Chalfont St Peter 1; Oxford 4 Tilbury 1; Windsor and Eton 1 Aveley 3. Witham 3 Ware 3 Postponed: Edgware v Metropolitan Police, Hemel Hempstead v Banstead. Third division: Canvey Island 3 Hornchurch 1: Collier Row 3 Cove 0; East Thurrock 2 Leighton 1: Epsom and Ewell 1 *Tring 1;* Flackwell Heath 1 Bedford 3. Hertford 2 Lewes 2. Postponed: Clapton v Northwood. *Harefield v Harlow,* Kingsbury v Feltham and Hounslow; Southall v Horsham

FA TROPHY

Third round: Enfield 1 *Merthyr* 1. Gateshead 0 Macclesfield 1. Ilkeston 2 Kidder*minster 2, Marine 2 Boreham Wood 0.* Morecambe 2 Altrincham 3, Runcorn 0 Hyde 0: Rushden and Diamonds 6 Halesowen 1. Stevenage 0 Woking 3

FA VASE: Sixth round: Basildon 0 Raunds 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold 6 North Ferriby 1. Ashfield 2 Denaby 0. Brigg 0 Ossett Albion 0. Glasshoughton Welfare 4 Liversedge 2. Hallam 1 Armthorpe Welfare 1. Maltby MW 3 Hucknall 0. Ossett Town 4 Sheffield 1. Pickering 6 Lincoln 4. Thackley 0 Belper 1. *Postponed: Stocksbridge PS v Pontefract* Collieries

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Bideford 5 Frome 1. Bristol Manor Farm 2 Elmore 3. Liskeard 1 Chippenham 3. Mangotsfield 3 Torrington 1: Odd Down 3 Tiverton 1 Westbury 2 Crediton 3 Postponed: Bridport v Barnstaple, Saltash v Calne

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard 2 *Tiptree 1. Fakenham 3 Haverhill 1.* Lowestoft 3 Felixstowe 2: Woodbridge 1 Sudbury 2. Postponed. *Chatteris v Harwich and* Parkeston. Great Yarmouth v Halstead. Watton v Soham. League Cup: Semi-finals: Wisbech 3 Wroxham 1

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES *LEAGUE: First division: Bootle 1 Glossop* North End 2: Burscough 2 Clitheroe 2. Holker *Old Boys 2 Salford 2: Kidsgrove 0* Rossendale 2: Maine Road 2 Skelmersdale 2: *Newcastle 2 Darwen 1.* Postponed: Blackpool v Eastwood Hanley; Chadderton v *Bacup.*

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN *LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington 0 West* Auckland 0: Chester Le Street 3 Eppleton CW 2. Consett 1 Whitby 1: Ferryhill 0 Dunston FB 1; Murton 2 Shildon 2; Peterlee *1 RTM Newcastle 0.* Prudhoe 1 Billingham Synthonia 4: Tow Law 4 Durham 2. Postponed: Guisborough v Hebburn.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First *division: Ipswich 1 Arsenal 1: Portsmouth* 2 West Ham 4. Postponed: Leyton Orient v *Chelsea. Norwich v Cambridge Utd; QPR v* Fulham; Tottenham v Charlton: Watford v Gillingham Second *division: Brentford* 1 Brighton 0; Bristol Rovers 2 Southampton 3: Colchester 6 Reading 1: Swindon 2 Crystal Palace 4; Wimbledon 2 Luton 1, Wycombe 0 Bristol City 2.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham *0* Willesden 3; Brimsdown 1 Hanwell 0. Brook House 1 Corinthian Casuals 2, Croydon 1 Hillingdon Borough 2. St Margaretsbury 3 Haringey Borough 0, Tower Hamlets 5 Walthamstow Pennant 1 Postponed: Beaconsfield Sycob v Waltham Abbey.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Westfields 5 Gornal 1. Postponed: *Bilston v Darlaston: Cradley v Wednesfield,* Ettingshall v Stourport Swifts. Hill Top v Lye: *Ludlow v Blakenall: Malvern v Bloxwich* Strollers. Pelsall Villa v Walsall Wood

ESSEX SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Concord 2 Southend *Manor 0; Ford 3 Burnham Ramblers 0;* Great Wakering 5 Stansted 0. Maldon 2 *East Ham 1, Romford 2 Hullbridge Sports 1.* Sawbridgeworth 1 Brentwood 0 Post*poned: Eton Manor v Bowers.*

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First di*vision: AFC Lymington 3 BAT 2, AFC Totton* 5 East Cowes Vics 3: Cowes Sports 1 Thatcham 1; Eastleigh 2 Bournemouth 3; Fleet 3 Downton 2, Gosport 0 Bemerton Heath Harl 3. Horndean 1 Christchurch 3. Petersfield 1 Andover 6 Postponed: Aerostructures v Swanage and Herston. Ryde Sports v Portsmouth RN

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Almondsbury 1 Swindon Supermarine 4. Cinderford 5 Bicester 2. Fairford 2 Tuffley 2. Postponed: Banbury v North Leigh, Carterton v Kintbury. Cirencester v *Abingdon, Pegasus Juniors v Brackley.* Shortwood v Highworth. First division:. Cheltenham *Saracens* 1 *Cirencester* 1: Endsleigh 3 Lambourn 2. Rayners Lane 1 Easington Sports 3, Wallingford 0 Hellen 3

HEREWARD SPORTS: United Counties League: First division:. Harrowby 0 Whitworths 5, Ramsey 1 Daventry 0; Thrapston 3 Irchester 2 Postponed: Blisworth v O N Chenecks. British Timken v Burton P W Ford Sports v Northampton *Vanaid: Higham v St Ives,* Olney v Cottingham. Sharnbrook v Bugbrooke

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE:. Hinckley Athletic 2 Oldbury 1; *Pagel 2 Sandwell Boro 2: Pershore 2* Barwell 1. Stapenhill 2 Chasetown 2. Postponed: Boldmere Swifts v Halesowen Harr. Brierley Hill v Willenhall; Knypersley Vic v Stratford. Rushall O v Shepshed D., West Mid Police v Rocester.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 2 Ash 0. Chipstead 2 Farnham 0. Horley 1 Eton *Wick 0.* Merstham 4 Godalming and Guildford 3. Sandhurst 0 Bedfont 1: Viking Sports 2 Hartley Wintney 0. *Challenge cup:* Second round: Netherne 2 Peppard 1; Westfield 1 Cobham 1.

SKOL MIDLAND FOOTBALL COMB: First division: Barlestone St Giles 2 Southam 4, GPT 1 Bilston Community College 2

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First *division: Cray 2 Corinthian 3; Crockenhill* 0 Sheppey 1; Deal 4 Darenth Heathside 0: *Greenwich* 2 Herne Bay 1; *Kent Police* 1 Furness 3; Slade Green 0 Chatham 0, Thamesmead 4 Canterbury 0: Whitstable 6 Faversham 0

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Brentwoods 5 Malvernians 1

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Tenisonians 2 Hamptonians 2: Meadonians 3 Chertsey 1; *Cardinal Manning* 1 Glyn 1; Ignatians 3 Wilsonians 2. Postponed: *Clapham v Danes. Senior first division:* Wokinglans 3 Edmontonians 1. *Isleworthians 0 Suttonians 3; Phoenix 0* Tiffinians 0: Latymer 7 Kingsburians 3. Senior second *division: Minchenderians* 9 Meadonians R 2: Camdenians 1 *Vaughanians* 4: *Westhamians 4 Ignatians R* 0: J Fisher 2 Mill Hill 4: Tollingtonians 2 Enfield 3. Senior third division: Hamptonians R 1 Leyton 1; Vaughanians 1 Phoenix R 4, Glyn R 3 Alpertonians 2. Postponed: Chorleywood v Salvatorians, Greenfordians v Grocers.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Civil Service 2 Midland Bank 1; Winchmore Hill 2 Crouch End Vampires 2; NatWest Bank 6 Old Latymerians 1. Lloyds Bank 1 Old Parmiterians 0, Alexandra Park 2 Kew Association 2: Lensbury 1 Carshalton 4; Polytechnic 2 Old Westminster Cits 1: Broomfield 1 Old Bromleians 2; Ibis 2 *Brentham* 7, *Cuaco* 1 Reigate *Priory* 0; Merton 1 Barclays Bank 4. Postponed: Old *Parkonians v Old Stationers.* Old Lyonians v Southgate Olympic.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior First: Old Grammarians 1 Southgate *County 1; Ulysses 4 Mill Hill Village 0.* Wandsworth 0 Witan 5. Senior Second: Duncombe Sports 0 Honourable Artillery Co 2, Old Bealonians 3 Corinthian Casuals 0. Old Finchleians 5 Ealing Association 2 Postponed: Albanian v Hadley; Hale End v Old Fairlopians. Senior Third: Fulham Compton OB 10 Old Monovians 0; Old Colfeians 4 Westerns 0. Pollygons 2 Brent 1 Senior Fourth: Centymca 1 Hampstead Heathens 2: Inland Revenue 2 Cardinal *Pole 1, Mayfield 1 Broadfields 6, Pegasus 0* Old Simmarobians 4. Postponed: Bournesido v London Airways.

NATIONAL

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido 1 *Caersws 0; Barry 3 Maesteg Park 0:* Connah's Quay 1 Llansantffraid 2. Cwmbran 3 Llanelli 1; *Flint Town* 1 *Bangor City* 0, Porthmadog 0 Newtown 4, Rhyl 1 Holywell 2 Postponed: Ebbw Vale v Ton Pentre: Inter Cardiff v Aberystwyth.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bangor City	26	21	2	3	66	18	65
Cwmbran	28	16	2	10	50	38	50
Afan Lido	23	14	5	4	36	27	47
Newtown	25	13	6	6	60	32	45
Ton Pentre	22	13	4	5	48	28	43
Llansan'aid	25	13	3	9	47	37	42
Conwy	28	12	6	10	48	44	42
I Cardiff	24	11	7	6	44	28	40
Rhyl	28	12	4	12	54	48	40
Flint Town	26	12	2	12	50	48	38
Barry Town	25	9	9	7	48	42	36
Connah's Q	26	10	6	10	43	40	36
Holywell	24	9	8	7	41	38	35
Caersws	26	8	7	11	41	43	31
Mold	28	9	3	16	45	65	30
Ebbw Vale	25	8	4	13	33	41	28
Porthmadog	27	7	5	15	40	51	26
Aberystwyth	25	3	11	11	37	52	20
Llanelli	28	4	5	19	46	92	17
Maesteg Pk	25	1	5	19	15	80	8

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 2 Carrick 0; Cliftonville 2 Ballyclare 2, Coleraine 1 Glentoran 0, Distillery 1 Bangor 2; Glenavon 5 Larne 1; Linfield 1 Crusaders 1 Postponed: Ballymena v Omagh.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Postponed: Sligo v Dundalk.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	3	2½	2	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	3	1½	3	2	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2	3	2	1½	3	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	2	1½	2	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims not required. Dividend forecast is low with some minor dividends cancelled. There were 11 jackpot draws, 3 score draws, and 8 no-score draws

EUROPEAN

BELGIAN LEAGUE: *Anderlecht 4 Seraing 0;* Lierse 3 Royal Antwerp 0: Lommel 2 KV Mechelen 0; Ghent 0 Standard Liège 1; Germinal Ekeren 1 St Trond 2: Cercle Bruges 0 RSC Charleroi 1; Ostend 2 RWD Molenbeek 2; FC Liège 1 Beveren 0: Aalst 1 FC Bruges 0 *Leading positions:* 1, Anderlecht, played 24, 39pts; 2, Standard Liège, 25, 39; 3, FC Bruges, 22, 30.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Roda JC Kerkrade 2 Dordrecht 0; PSV Eindhoven 3 NEC Nijmegen 0; NAC Breda 2 MVV Maastricht 1; RKC Waalwijk 1 Heerenveen 1; Twente Enschede 0 Willem II Tilburg 3; Vitesse Arnhem 5 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0. *Feyenoord 4 Groningen 2. Leading positions: 1, Ajax, played 22, 38pts; 2, Roda JC Kerkrade, 23, 37; 3, PSV Eindhoven, 23,* 32.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Nantes 2 Nice 1; Lyons 1 St Etienne 0; Cannes 2 Lens 0; Strasbourg 1 Bordeaux 1; Sochaux 0 Le Havre 1, Monaco 2 Montpellier 0; Metz 1 Rennes 0. *Bastia 2 Martigues 0;* Caen 2 *Lille* 0 Leading positions: 1, Nantes, played 28, 62pts; 2, *Paris Saint-Germain,* 27, 50; 3, Lyons, 27, 50.

GERMAN LEAGUE: SC Freiburg 3 Dynamo Dresden 1. Borussia Mönchengladbach 2 Bayern *Munich* 2; *Kaiserslautern* 1 Borussia Dortmund 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 2 Bayer *Leverkusen 0; SV Hamburg 3 Schalke 04 0;* VfL Bochum 1 Werder Bremen 3: MSV *Duisburg 0 SC Karlsruhe 0.*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
B Dortmund	20	14	4	2	47	17	32
W Bremen	20	13	4	3	37	21	30
Freiburg	20	12	4	4	42	25	28
FC K'lautern	20	11	6	3	30	21	28
M'gladbach	20	10	6	4	43	26	26
B Munich	20	8	10	2	37	27	26
SC Karlsruhe	20	7	8	5	31	29	22
B Leverkusen	20	6	8	6	32	25	20
SV Hamburg	*20*	*8*	*4*	*8*	*30*	*27*	*20*
VfB Stuttgart	19	7	5	7	34	36	19
Schalke 04	*20*	*5*	*8*	*7*	*23*	*27*	*18*
E Frankfurt	20	7	4	9	22	31	18
FC Cologne	*19*	*5*	*5*	*9*	*30*	*38*	*15*
B Uerdingen	19	3	6	10	19	29	12
1860 *Munich*	19	2	7	10	19	36	11
MSV Duisburg	20	3	5	12	14	33	11
D Dresden	20	3	4	13	18	37	10
VfL Bochum	20	4	2	14	22	44	10

GREEK *LEAGUE: Athinaikos 0 Panathinaikos 0;* Aris Salonika 1 Ionikos 0; Doxa *Dramas 0 Xanthi 1; Kavala 3 Levadiakos 1;* Larissa 2 Apollon 0; Olympiakos 2 OFI Crete *1; Panionios 3 Edessaikos 1; PAOK Salonika* 0 Iraklis 0; AEK Athens 2 Ethnikos 1.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Brescia 0 AC Milan 5; Cagliari 2 Bari 1; Foggia 0 Cremonese 1; *Internazionale 0 Juventus 0; Lazio 8* Fiorentina 2; Padova 2 Napoli 0; Sampdoria 3 AS *Roma 0; Torino 0 Parma 2 Leading* positions: 1, Juventus, played 22, 49pts. 2, *Parma, 22, 45; 3, Lazio, 22, 37.*

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Farense 3 Beira Mar 0, Sporting Lisbon 1 Salgueiros 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Oviedo 1 Valencia 0.

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Tranmere	34	14	2	1	42	17	4	6	7	13	19	62	55
2 *Middlesbro*	32	*11*	2	3	28	11	6	6	4	19	15	59	47
3 Bolton	33	13	3	1	38	11	3	6	7	18	24	57	56
4 Wolves	32	12	2	3	32	15	5	3	7	25	28	56	57
5 Reading	34	8	6	3	22	12	8	2	7	19	18	56	41
6 Sheff Utd	34	9	6	2	28	13	5	6	6	29	26	54	57
7 *Grimsby*	*34*	*9*	*6*	*2*	*31*	*15*	*3*	*7*	*7*	*20*	*28*	*49*	*51*
8 Watford	32	8	6	2	21	12	4	5	7	15	21	47	36
9 *Barnsley*	*31*	*10*	*4*	*2*	*30*	*15*	*3*	*3*	*9*	*11*	*24*	*46*	*41*
10 Luton	33	5	4	7	23	21	7	5	5	23	25	45	46
11 Millwall	32	8	6	2	27	15	3	6	7	14	23	45	41
12 Oldham	32	8	6	2	27	16	3	4	9	18	27	43	45
13 Derby	32	7	5	3	22	13	4	5	8	15	20	43	37
14 Charlton	32	7	4	6	25	21	4	5	6	19	26	42	44
15 Stoke	31	6	5	4	21	13	4	6	6	11	22	41	32
16 Portsmouth	33	6	5	5	21	20	4	5	8	16	27	40	37
17 Port Vale	31	8	3	5	23	18	2	6	7	15	23	39	38
18 *Sunderland*	*33*	*2*	*10*	*5*	*16*	*18*	*6*	*5*	*5*	*18*	*14*	*39*	*32*
19 West Brom	34	9	2	5	18	15	1	6	11	12	28	38	30
20 Southend	34	8	2	7	18	19	2	4	11	14	44	36	32
21 Bristol C	34	6	6	5	21	23	3	2	12	11	25	35	32
22 Swindon	32	6	6	4	21	21	2	4	10	17	32	34	38
23 Notts Co	34	5	6	6	20	20	2	2	13	16	29	29	36
24 Burnley	31	3	6	6	20	22	3	4	9	10	27	28	30

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Huddersfld	34	11	4	2	33	15	6	8	3	26	20	63	59
2 Brentford	33	11	2	4	36	12	8	3	5	28	18	62	64
3 Birmingham	31	10	4	1	39	12	7	5	4	20	13	60	59
4 Crewe	32	11	1	4	34	21	7	3	6	25	30	58	59
5 *Blackpool*	*35*	*11*	*2*	*4*	*37*	*24*	*6*	*4*	*8*	*19*	*28*	*57*	*56*
6 Oxford Utd	33	10	3	3	23	14	6	5	6	29	25	56	52
7 Wycombe	31	8	6	1	22	11	7	4	5	22	23	55	44
8 Hull	32	9	4	4	31	15	6	4	5	21	25	53	52
9 Bradford	33	7	5	5	24	22	7	4	5	23	23	51	47
10 Bristol R	30	9	5	1	36	16	4	6	5	14	13	50	50
11 Swansea	32	6	7	3	15	10	6	6	4	27	24	49	42
12 York	32	8	2	5	28	18	6	3	8	21	23	47	49
13 Wrexham	31	8	4	4	32	20	4	6	5	20	24	46	52
14 *Stockport*	*33*	*8*	*2*	*7*	*28*	*22*	*5*	*4*	*7*	*18*	*24*	*45*	*46*
15 Shrewsbury	33	7	6	4	28	22	3	3	10	16	25	39	44
16 Peterboro	32	4	7	5	20	26	5	5	6	20	30	39	40
17 Rotherham	32	8	5	3	27	19	1	6	9	14	24	38	41
18 Brighton	32	5	7	4	15	12	4	4	8	19	27	38	34
19 Cambridge	33	6	6	5	27	24	1	6	9	14	33	33	41
20 Bournemth	34	4	3	10	18	33	3	5	9	16	29	29	34
21 Plymouth	32	4	3	8	14	27	4	2	11	18	37	29	32
22 Cardiff	32	3	5	8	16	19	3	2	11	16	35	25	32
23 L Orient	32	5	6	5	17	14	0	1	15	8	36	22	25
24 Chester	34	4	4	9	19	35	0	4	13	9	30	20	28

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Carlisle	31	*11*	4	*0*	*26*	7	*10*	4	2	27	12	71	53
2 Chesterfield	31	9	5	2	18	6	7	4	4	25	23	57	43
3 Walsall	*27*	*10*	2	2	29	13	5	6	2	20	14	53	49
4 Mansfield	31	8	2	5	31	17	8	2	6	33	25	52	64
5 Bury	27	9	5	1	25	10	5	2	5	14	10	49	39
6 Doncaster	31	8	4	4	24	12	5	5	5	16	14	48	40
7 Colchester	31	6	5	5	20	22	7	3	5	20	22	47	40
8 *Fulham*	*31*	*7*	*5*	*4*	*30*	*19*	*4*	*8*	*3*	*14*	*18*	*46*	*44*
9 Preston	31	9	2	4	24	13	4	5	7	16	20	46	40
10 Scunthorpe	31	8	2	6	30	20	5	3	7	*19*	23	*44*	49
11 Barnet	30	6	5	4	25	17	6	2	7	11	24	43	36
12 *Lincoln*	30	9	4	2	26	12	2	3	10	11	23	40	37
13 Wigan	30	4	4	6	20	22	7	2	7	24	25	39	44
14 Torquay	31	7	6	2	27	20	3	3	10	14	25	39	41
15 Rochdale	29	6	3	5	18	17	4	4	7	16	32	37	34
16 Darlington	30	6	3	7	21	21	4	3	7	14	19	36	35
17 *Hereford*	*32*	*6*	*4*	*6*	*14*	*16*	*2*	*4*	*10*	*20*	*37*	*32*	*34*
18 Exeter	30	5	3	6	20	25	3	4	9	8	23	31	28
19 *Northamptn*	*31*	*5*	*3*	*7*	*16*	*19*	*1*	*7*	*8*	*16*	*27*	*28*	*32*
20 Gillingham	30	5	4	5	18	16	2	2	12	13	32	27	31
21 Hartlepool	30	5	3	7	19	26	1	5	9	8	23	26	27
22 Scarboro	29	2	5	8	17	24	3	2	9	15	27	22	32

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	27	9	3	1	22	6	7	4	3	25	16	*55*	+25
2 Motherwell	25	5	5	3	20	17	5	4	3	18	19	39	+2
3 Hibernian	27	7	6	1	31	15	1	8	4	6	12	38	+10
4 Celtic	27	5	7	2	18	*14*	2	9	2	*11*	*10*	37	+5
5 Hearts	26	7	4	2	21	9	2	2	9	12	27	33	-3
6 Kilmarnock	27	7	3	3	18	10	1	6	7	*15*	*27*	*33*	*-4*
7 Dundee Utd	26	6	5	2	22	13	2	3	*8*	10	26	32	-7
8 Falkirk	26	5	3	5	17	19	2	6	5	15	19	30	-6
9 Aberdeen	27	5	6	3	20	14	1	3	9	10	22	27	-6
10 *Partick*	24	*2*	5	*4*	*13*	15	3	2	*8*	*10*	*24*	22	-16

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 *Dundee*	27	9	3	2	28	12	6	3	4	16	15	51	+19
2 Dunfermline	26	9	1	2	27	7	5	7	2	23	19	50	+24
3 *Raith*	26	7	6	1	24	15	6	3	3	18	11	48	+16
4 Airdrie	26	5	6	2	18	8	8	2	3	23	16	47	+17
5 St Johnstn	26	8	4	1	30	10	3	6	4	15	18	43	+17
6 Hamilton	27	7	2	4	19	15	2	4	8	7	22	33	-11
7 Clydebank	26	3	4	6	14	16	3	5	5	9	15	27	-8
8 Ayr	26	4	5	5	18	21	0	3	9	5	25	20	-23
9 St Mirren	26	3	4	6	12	15	0	6	7	8	25	19	-20
10 Stranraer	26	3	4	5	12	16	1	0	13	9	36	16	-31

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dumbarton	26	8	3	2	29	12	4	4	5	12	15	43	+14
2 G Morton	25	8	3	1	20	7	4	3	6	13	15	42	+11
3 Stenhsmuir	24	5	6	1	14	8	8	3	3	16	12	42	+10
4 Berwick	25	9	3	1	17	8	3	2	7	21	26	41	+4
5 Clyde	25	5	4	4	28	19	5	3	*4*	*17*	*15*	37	+9
6 Stirling	25	5	2	5	17	14	5	2	6	16	19	34	0
7 East Fife	26	6	2	6	26	22	3	5	*4*	*10*	*18*	34	-4
8 Queen of S	25	3	3	6	17	18	4	5	4	14	18	29	-5
9 Meadowbnk	25	*4*	2	5	*11*	*10*	3	2	*9*	*16*	*28*	22	*-11*
10 Brechin	26	4	2	8	14	22	2	1	9	5	25	21	-28

Meadowbank deducted three points

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 *Forfar*	25	*10*	*2*	*0*	28	*9*	*6*	*2*	*5*	*14*	*15*	*52*	+18
2 Ross Co	26	6	1	5	26	18	7	4	3	20	13	44	+15
3 Alloa	25	5	3	5	15	16	7	3	2	23	*18*	42	+4
4 Montrose	22	6	3	3	22	13	5	3	2	18	11	39	+16
5 East Stirling	22	5	1	5	18	15	6	3	2	23	16	37	+10
6 Cowdenbth	25	3	4	4	16	18	7	1	6	22	17	35	+3
7 Caley This	26	4	6	3	23	28	5	2	6	16	20	35	-7
8 Arbroath	26	3	3	8	12	19	4	1	7	20	27	25	-14
9 Queen's Pk	25	4	2	7	15	21	2	3	7	16	24	23	-14
10 Albion	24	2	0	10	11	24	1	3	8	7	25	12	-31

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Aberdeen plunge further into relegation mire

KEVIN McCARRA

Scottish commentary

THE meeting of Celtic and Aberdeen is a fixture which has fallen on hard times. Throughout the 1980s any match between the clubs was loaded, flush with excitement and ability. Now, an impoverished contest has only a dreary kind of significance. Aberdeen will care deeply about their 2-0 defeat at Hampden Park yesterday because it makes relegation even more plausible.

There is, however, little cause for Celtic to preen over one of their infrequent victories, given that it was achieved only through labour and luck. Aberdeen's manager, Roy Aitken, was infuriated by the penalty decision with which his side fell behind. Tommy Burns's Celtic lack the weaponry to riddle any opponents with goals.

The team-sheets testified to the curious feebleness money sometimes has in football. Both clubs have spent heavily and Celtic's squad included five players who have cost £1 million or more. Prices, however, are rising only because there is a diminishing supply of talent. All the same, Aberdeen may not have to worry about that kind of expenditure for much longer.

Should they be demoted, the sale of their current squad and the reduction of the wages bill will be the main concern as they economise for life in the first division. Aberdeen's horror at the very prospect is reflected in a reported decision by the board to offer a £5,000 bonus per man if relegation is avoided. The perversity of rewarding players for an embarrassing season, so long as utter ruin is averted, goes unremarked.

Should the team fail, legislation may rescue Aberdeen. In Scotland, the size of the premier division has been known to expand whenever there appear to be too few places for the comfort of major clubs. It acquired two extra members for a period when Motherwell were about to be relegated. Now, the Aberdeen chairman, Ian Donald, has abruptly been converted to the idea that the premier division should contain 16 members.

A taste for the expedient can be forgiven in a man brooding over debts of £2 million. However, other clubs have a duty to vote only for proposals which serve the long-term interests of the sport. If the nature of the action continues to be as irritating as it was yesterday, the fluctuations in the structure of the League will be met with a decline in attendances.

The crowd of 20,623 was Celtic's smallest of the season and that fact is not to be attributed only to live TV coverage. In the past, a seat in front of the box in the living room would only have been a consolation prize for those who had failed to obtain tickets. These days, as Celtic become increasingly associated with halting, anxious football, those who do attend have come only to grumble.

Burns, who yesterday dropped John Collins from the starting line-up, knows how unsatisfactory the entertainment is. By the middle of the first half, as yet another simple pass was miskicked out of play, the jeering had begun.

The multitude of errors, though, was to contain one which worked wholly to Celtic's advantage. After 40 minutes, Tom Boyd lifted a free kick into the middle and Brian Irvine needlessly nudged Pierre van Hooijdonk in the back. The referee, Andrew Waddell, pointed first at the defender, as if identifying an act of folly, before, despite all the visitors' indignation, awarding the penalty. Van Hooijdonk converted it with aplomb.

Aberdeen are often accused of fragility, but on this occasion the loss of a goal enhanced their sense of self-belief. Belatedly, they began to charge at Celtic who, in the second half, were ever more dependent on their rugged centre half, Tony Mowbray.

Despite his interventions, Aberdeen ought still to have scored on two occasions. Stephen Glass's fine run and cross was met by Joe Miller but, from close range, his header was rammed against the bar. In the 72nd minute, the substitute, Duncan Shearer, was unusually tentative as he rose to Stephen Wright's header and Pat Bonner was able to block his attempt.

Celtic, with Paul McStay performing ineffectually on his return, lacked the co-ordination to recover control. Twelve minutes from the end, though, there was at last a slick build-up which allowed the game's best player, Tosh McKinlay, to find Van Hooijdonk with a deep, devilish cross. The Dutchman's header was neat and decisive.

The audience will carefully tend the memory of that one adroit episode.

Palace eagerly await Armstrong's return

CHRIS ARMSTRONG will not have to wait long to return to help Crystal Palace's struggle to survive in the FA Carling Premiership, according to the club's manager, Alan Smith. Despite missing yesterday's visit to Stamford Bridge for the game with Chelsea after it was revealed that Armstrong had tested positive for cannabis, Smith believes his return is imminent.

Indeed, it could be as early as Wednesday night's Coca-Cola Cup semi-final second leg with Liverpool at Selhurst Park. Certainly, if the Football Association allows Armstrong to play, then Smith will select him.

"I haven't got clearance for Chris yet, but directly I do get it — and I genuinely believe that will be soon — he will be playing for us," Smith said. "He has apologised and gone to enormous lengths to make sure he's ready, both mentally and physically. The sooner I can get him back, the better. The Football Association have been very helpful to us over this."

The Brighton manager, Liam Brady, has placed the midfield player, Robert Codner, on the transfer list and has made him available at a small fee. Codner, 30, has made 266 league appearances in seven years at the Goldstone and has scored 39 goals. Birmingham attempted to sign Codner last summer.

Moorcroft in praise of scholastic mudlarks

Competitors in the senior boys' championship stream from the starting pens at the National Agricultural Centre. Photograph: Roland Leon

By David Powell
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

TRUDI WHEAT tells the story of how, some years ago, as a team manager for Warwickshire schools, she was horrified to hear, on the morning of the English schools championships, that one of her athletes had been unable to sleep because of snakes in his bedroom.

"He was not scared," Wheat said. "He coped with it." Wheat feels comfortable about this story going into print because reports of unhappy children in strange homes, while on county duty, are rare: after 14 years in billeting, she has had to deal with only two incidents.

This year, Wheat took on the big one: billeting officer for the 900 runners who needed beds before the 36th English schools cross country championships, at Stoneleigh on Saturday. The championships have changed little over the years, but billeting, an essential part of the English schools experience, has.

"People are not so keen as they were to let strangers in their house," Wheat said. "Also, they are so used to foreign students that they are looking for payment and, because of the car, people go away a lot more at weekends now." However, the 900 were housed, the remaining 1,400 participants travelling on the day.

Nicola Coates, the winner of the junior girls' race for Northumberland, found her hosts most accommodating. Aged 12, she was allowed up until 11pm. "I always go to bed late," she said. She is young enough to defend the title next year.

Russell Pittam, of Sussex, won the junior boys' title which nobody, least of all he, had expected. Last year, he was 67th and, this time, he hoped for no more than to creep into the top 20. Peter Riley, of Greater Manchester, was another unexpected winner, taking the intermediate boys' title. William Levett, from Shropshire, a most impressive senior boys' champion, was at least mentioned in previews, as was Clare Duncan, of Merseyside, the intermediate girls' champion.

Jane Groves, from Cheshire, 43rd last year, won the senior girls' race, which was notable for having the greatest margin between first and last. Gemma Plank, of Wiltshire, brought up the rear, 11 minutes behind.

How much training, then, had Plank done? "None," came the reply. Her event is the javelin and yet, somehow, she had found herself in the cross country team.

So thick was the mud at the National Agricultural Centre that spectators, as much as the athletes, needed spikes, or at least boots. The mud kicked up so high that the runners were covered from head to foot.

Richard Xerri, running for London, typified the English schools spirit. He lost both his shoes in the glutinous mess but continued gamely, being spiked on the way, to finish 22nd among more than 300 senior boys.

For years, the Channel Islands have been attending these championships, now sponsored by TSB, but not until Saturday did they feature. Gabrielle Hawson was third in the intermediate girls' event.

Travel costs prohibit the Channel Islands from sending more than a few runners, but, for the first time, a team was fielded in one age-group. "We only bring athletes who we think will do quite well," Charlie Cottam, the team manager, said. They had five promising junior boys, so one unrated runner was added to make a team. All in vain: two failed to finish and the Channel Islands were not among the 44 teams who closed in.

David Moorcroft, the former 5,000 metres world record-holder, said that he could not think of a better system than English schools championships for nurturing young talent, which is more important now than ever. "When I was at school, physical activity was easy," Moorcroft said. "We played in the streets and ran round the block. Nowadays, parents are reluctant to let their kids run round the block. We have to formalise the environment."

At Stoneleigh, Moorcroft happened to bump into the senior boys' winner from 1972, whose name he could not quite remember. Moorcroft was reminded that he had finished third that day and never won an English schools title. He looked towards the finish funnel of the intermediate boys' race and pointed, at random, to No 401, Chris Lindesay, from Merseyside, 215th.

"That guy might be a great runner one day," Moorcroft said. "These championships are littered with people who have won then not done anything. Others who have not won have gone on to great things." Alistair Moses, of Surrey, third in the senior boys' race 23 years after Moorcroft, take heart.

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Harriers survive bumpy descent

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By Walter Gammie

THE boot was on the other foot for Kidderminster Harriers on Saturday. The Vauxhall Conference club that knows all about putting the wind up higher-league opposition after its exploits in the FA Cup last season was itself exposed to the blast of an ambitious smaller club seeking to make a name for itself.

Kidderminster gamely withstood the challenge that Ilkeston Town, the Beazer Homes League midland division side, offered in a gruelling FA Umbro Trophy third-round tie. They bounced back to equalise within a minute after falling behind in the first half and, with three minutes left, were leading, only to concede an equaliser acclaimed with wild jubilation by the home section of the 2,349 crowd at the New Manor Ground.

Dave Harbottle, picked out unmarked at the far post by Mark Pennant's corner, followed the latest professional fashion by whipping off his shirt and whooping it up with the Ilkeston supporters behind the goal. "We've still got to be pleased with the result," Graham Allner, the Kidderminster manager, said. "We knew we were going to be up against no ordinary midland division side, on a difficult surface and in an intimidating atmosphere."

Allner also had to contend with yet another blow in a disruptive sequence of injuries that denied him Richard Forsyth and Simeon Hodson, both regulars, and took a gamble on fielding Chris Brindley, the centre half, who had not played since January 1. Brindley's commitment to the cause, as ever, shone through as the Kidderminster defence frustrated Acklam and Taylor, the dangerous home forwards.

Taylor was largely shackled, but still managed to steal onto a cross by John Humphreys for a close-range shot blocked by Steadman and thumped in on the rebound by Campbell. Deakin retrieved the goal by slicing through the Ilkeston defence on a long run capped with a precise shot.

The most potent attackers on display were Davies, the old warrior who now doubles as the Kidderminster player-coach, and Delwyn Humphreys, whose direct, confident running brought frequent dividends. Davies's physical presence remained a constant threat, and it was he who scrambled in the sand to score Kidderminster's second goal in the 77th minute after Yates's header had been well stopped by Rigby. Kidderminster return to the safer ground of Aggborough for the replay tonight.

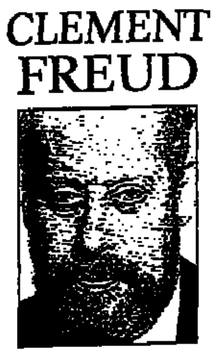
ILKESTON TOWN (4-3-1-2): A Rigby — C Madison, D Robinson, D Igoe, M Pennant — J Campbell, N Bailey, J Humphreys — D Harbottle — P Acklam (sub M Harbottle, 75min), D Taylor

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (4-4-2): D Steadman — N Cartwright, P Webb, C Brindley, J Powell — L Hughes, J Deakin, M Yates, P Bancroft — D Humphreys, P Davies

Referee: R Harris.

Auld enemies join in earthy contest

CLEMENT FREUD



Afterthoughts

England versus Scotland: three words to quicken the pulse, stretch the sinews, cause committed men of either persuasion to walk more proudly to the terraces.

In the spring of 1966 I reported such an event. I travelled north with the England team and, as the players ran out on to the green ... more dark grey it was, really ... I was delighted that we had the edge, sartorially. Our men were uniformly dressed in dark trousers and white shirts bearing the national red rose emblem which was then non-political.

The Scots fielded five men in shirts, a few in jackets, one wearing a cardigan and another a pullover. The crowd, official attendance 183, for this seventeenth international, applauded politely.

Provost MacCreadie, who had entertained both teams to a civic luncheon, made a speech, welcomed the visitors to this important event at Barrhead, and hoped they would have an enjoyable day, despite the fact that many believed the result would go the way of the previous 16 international contests. The England team looked into the middle distance.

As it was raining quite hard, and this was my first big match, I asked the groundsman, who was sieving cinders with which to soak up puddles, whether the game takes place irrespective of the weather. He replied: "To a certain extent".

The programme was printed in Victorian Gothic, gave particulars of the players, had an obituary column listing people who had died in the close season, and announced that the day's play was at 18 yards' distance. A man standing next to me, a knowledgeable sort of chap in a kilt, said: "The Scots play in guid tackety boots to tramp the play — see."

I looked at our men, saw that the English team were playing in good plimsolls and stood on sawdust-covered boards. Both teams throw 10½lb iron rings towards a piece of paper that marks a submerged pin in a circle of clay at the far side of the green.

Quoit plops into the clay, a few splodges of rich muck are thrown up and splatter the people watching the game.

At this, the thrower, his adviser and the team captain shuffle towards the landing place like elderly Morris dancers, shake each other conspiratorially by the left hand and retire to watch the enemy.

An end consists of two quoits by each of the two players and a judge using callipers decides which is closest to the pin. Then a gentleman in what were once patent leather boots digs the quoits out of the clay with a spade, shimmies upon the surface to make it smooth and replants his wee bitty paper marker.

The rain-washed blackboard showed that Scotland were surging ahead. A number of people offered unattractive odds — like even money against any Englishman — and there were few takers.

For the benefit of the crowd, six school benches and four upholstered chairs had been set up in a small covered enclosure, but as this was Glasgy on a late Saturday afternoon, and bottled beer was on sale in an outhouse, it was there that the elders of quoiting were gathered.

They stood, a tight knot of steaming humanity, and it was their honest opinion that the game had gone to the dogs. The quality of play, they said, was now infinitely inferior to that of the old days when there were three greens in Barrhead alone.

No, said a man, there were four.

Three.
Four.
Three.
Four.
I left just before the fight.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer West **Love all**

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♦K Q J 2
♣Q 3

♠8 6 4
♥2
♦10 6 5 4
♣K 8 7 6 5

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♦A 8 7
♣J 10 9

♠A K Q 2
♥K 9 6 4
♦9 3
♣A 4 2

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Pass	2♥	Dble	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Contract : Four Spades by South. Lead: two of hearts

By Robert Sheehan
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

East took the ace of hearts, and continued with the queen of hearts. South played the king. West ruffed and the contract went one off. I hope you can see South's error. It is quite likely that the king of hearts is going to be ruffed, so South should play low on the queen of hearts. Then he can win the club switch with the ace, draw trumps and discard dummy's losing club on the king of hearts before knocking out the ace of diamonds. He makes four spade tricks in hand, the king of hearts , two ruffs in dummy, two diamond tricks and the ace of clubs.

Two points about my article last week on Meckstroth and Rodwell's complicated bidding sequence. a) Rodwell's Five Clubs bid - was so called 'exclusion Blackwood' , not a void club b) Attempting to be facetious, in my comments on the auction I said 'would you allow your servant to read it?'. That puzzled several readers and annoyed others. My remark was based on the famous address by the prosecuting counsel in the Lady Chatterley's Lover obscenity trial in 1960. It was part of his test of what was obscene. I should have given the source - I'd forgotten how long ago it all was. By the way, I've now got the complete sentence which was ' Is it a book you would even wish your wife or your servants to read?'. As I didn't give the reference last week, probably a good job I didn't put in the bit about the wife.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BALLADS

OLD GRAY HEAD
a. Cap Grisnez
b. A literary seal
c. An American heroine

JEMMY GROVE
a. Cremorne Gardens
b. A notorious burglar
c. A dying lover

BRIG O'DREAD
a. The road to Purgatory
b. An Irish colleen
c. Michael Collins's nickname

COO-MY-DOO
a. Cockney rhyming slang
b. A dove
c. Hopscotch

Answers on page 24

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Cambridge Win

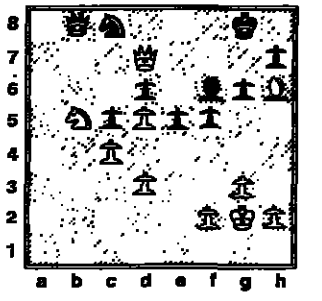
Cambridge University scored a convincing victory over Oxford in the annual Varsity match supported by London solicitors Watson, Farley & Williams and held at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall over the weekend. Cambridge won by 6 points to 2. The overall score in the series stands at 48 wins each.

White: Matthew Turner
Black: Michael Gough
Oxford v Cambridge, RAC, London, March 1995

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	Qe2	c5
3	g3	Nc6
4	Nf3	g6
5	Bg2	Bg7
6	0-0	Nge7
7	c3	0-0
8	d3	d6
9	Nbd2	Rb8
10	a4	a6
11	Rd1	b5
12	axb5	axb5
13	Nf1	e5
14	Nh4	b4
15	Ne3	bxc3
16	bxc3	Be6
17	Nd5	Qd7
18	Qc2	Bh3
19	Ra6	Bxg2
20	Nxg2	Nxd5
21	exd5	Ne7
22	Ne3	Ra8
23	Rxa8	Rxa8
24	Bd2	Rb8
25	Rb1	Rxb1+
26	Qxb1	Qc7
27	Qb5	Kf8
28	c4	f5
29	Nd1	Bf6
30	Nc3	Qa7
31	Qb1	Nc8
32	Kg2	Kg7
33	Qb5	Kf7
34	Qc6	Qb8
35	Nb5	Kg8
36	Qe8+	Kg7
37	Qd7+	Kg8
38	Bh6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



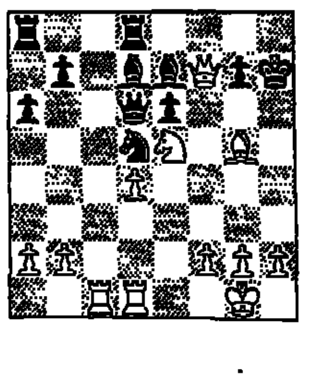
White: Tim Chesters
Black: Jonathan Parker
Oxford v Cambridge, RAC, London, March 1995

London System

1	d4	d5
2	Nf3	Nf6
3	Bf4	c5
4	c3	Qb6
5	Qb3	c4
6	Qxb6	axb6
7	Na3	Bd7
8	Ne5	e6
9	Nxd7	Kxd7
10	Nb5	Nc6
11	f3	Be7
12	e4	Ra5
13	a4	Rha8
14	Nc7	Rxa4
15	Rxa4	Rxa4
16	exd5	exd5
17	Kd2	Ra5
18	b4	cxb3
19	Bd3	Ra2+
20	Ke3	Bd6
21	Bf5+	White resigns

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game Kosten - Mailfert, France 1993. White has sacrificed a piece and can draw by perpetual check with his queen. However, he found something better. Can you do as well?

Solution: page 24

Comprehensive victory over sorry Wales sows doubt in English minds for Twickenham

Scots throw down the grand slam gauntlet

Scotland	26
Wales	13

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND'S gauntlet crashed down onto the English table at Murrayfield on Saturday. The swagger is back in the Scottish stride, the cocky angle to the bonnet that warns of another enthralling climax to rugby union's five nations' championship when the two unbeaten teams meet for the grand slam at Twickenham on March 18, as they did in 1990, in Edinburgh.

"At the start of the five nations' I said I would be disappointed if we didn't go to Twickenham with a chance of a triple crown," Gavin Hastings said. "We have gone one stage further than that, and I am delighted." So he should be. The Scotland captain, their most capped player and record points-scorer, has cocked his own snook at his critics, and stands on the verge of a wonderful climax to his career.

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Hastings has yet to declare whether the World Cup will be, at 33, his finale, though common sense suggests it will, given the problems he has to overcome with a long-standing back injury. If so, he will go out in a blaze of glory. Against Wales he became the first Briton to pass 600 international points, set an individual mark for this series with 16 points, and is only two short of his personal record for the championship of 52, set in his first season.

Not that Hastings reckons his contribution in terms of points, though 16 each against Ireland and Wales, and 18 against France, are forceful statements of fact. It is his presence that inspires his team, the demands he makes of himself and, by extension, others, that has done so much to drag Scotland out of the dark November doldrums and into a team that may well go into the World Cup as favourites to win its pool, despite the presence of France.

How well his players have responded, this mix-and-match of individuals who, when the season began, were barely considered. Hilton, Peters, Campbell and the passed-over blacksmith, Wright, have become integral parts of a Scotland side reminiscent of those of the mid-1980s, which marauded around Murrayfield, reducing opponents to snatching at shadows — just as the Welsh did on Saturday.

One revealing photograph over the weekend encapsulated the "new" Scotland: Back, the Welsh full back, apparently alone and faced by the complete Scotland back row, and Weir, and Hilton, with the obvious implication that the entire back division waited for the ball after Back had been stripped of it. Scotland have pace throughout the side and, above all, confidence.

"If we had not had the earlier victories, we would not have had the confidence to run the ball from our own 22, which led to Peters's try," Hastings said. "It would probably have been a kick to touch." That the try came from Welsh possession was heartbreaking as the visitors tried desperately to find a way back into a match which, at that stage, they led by a point.

Logan, right, whose brilliant run set up Scotland's scintillating first try for Peters, tussles with Evans, the Wales captain, at Murrayfield. Photograph: Ian Waldie

Yet it was a score to savour, Wainwright, Hastings and Weir giving Logan room on the left. The wing has been a thorn in every opponent's flesh this season, and here he veered outside two tight forwards, Garin Jenkins and Derwyn Jones, cut back inside, attracted two defenders, and left Peters with an unimpeded path to the line.

It was no more than the No 8 deserved, and when Hilton crossed for a try four minutes later it became a tolerable day for players so frequently members of the Bath second XV.

The phase offered echoes of the old Scotland, of which England will be properly wary, though they will surely not offer them the chance to develop such momentum as a desperately disappointing Wales did. If they sought a shot in the arm after three successive defeats, the Welsh received it when Robert Jones sped under the posts with less than three minutes played.

They dominated the first five and a half minutes of the Royal Bank international, until the moment that Neil Jenkins knocked on a pass from Jones. It was the chink of light for the Scots, who proceeded to play what will probably be their best 35 minutes of the championship to turn round with a 20-7 lead.

DETAILS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	74	27	6
Scotland	3	3	0	0	75	47	6
France	4	2	0	2	77	70	4
Wales	3	0	0	3	31	70	0
Ireland	3	0	0	3	28	71	0

RESULTS: France 21 Wales 9, Ireland 8 England 20, Scotland 26 Ireland 13, England 31 France 10, France 21 Scotland 23, Wales 9 England 23, Ireland 7 France 25, Scotland 26 Wales 13

MATCHES TO COME: March 18: England v Scotland, Wales v Ireland.

There was an intellectual as well as physical discipline to their game which left Wales utterly bereft, never knowing from which direction the next attack would come — ball in hand, or kicked over the top by Redpath or Chalmers, who played his most consistent 80 minutes for many a day. However, it will not have escaped English eyes — both Don Rutherford, their technical director, and John Elliott, the national selector, were at Murrayfield — that Scotland's first-time tackling was less than secure, and that they could only share the second half 6-6.

However, they will also remember that, in Catt, they still have a tyro international full back, and some of Chalmers's high balls to Back, which the Welshman coped with as bravely as he could, were magnificent efforts, enhanced by the quality of the chasing backs. Chalmers, of course, had space to play in after his forwards had cleared the way, whereas Jones, the one bright spark in Welsh darkness, was under the heaviest of pressure.

It was, according to their coach, Alan Davies (misnamed on television as Alan Evans, which adds insult to injury), a "comprehensive" defeat, and the Welsh rugby community — described by Robert Norster, the Wales team manager, as a village — will crowd in upon them relentlessly. For the exultant Scots, who will confirm their XV for Twickenham on Wednesday, there is all to play for.

SCORERS: Scotland: Tries: Peters, Hilton. Conversions: G Hastings (2). Penalty goals: G Hastings (4) Wales: Try: R Jones. Conversion: N Jenkins Penalty goals: N Jenkins (2)

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); C A Joiner (Melrose), G P J Townsend (Gala), S Hastings (Watsonians), K M Logan (Stirling County), C M Chalmers (Melrose), B W Redpath (Melrose); D I W Hilton (Bath), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), P H Wright (Boroughmuir), R I Wainwright (West Hartlepool), G W Weir (Melrose), S J Campbell (Dundee HSFP), I R Morrison (London Scottish), E W Peters (Bath).

WALES: M J Back (Bridgend), I C Evans (Llanelli, captain), M R Hall (Cardiff), N G Davies (Llanelli), W T Proctor (Llanelli); N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R N Jones (Swansea), M Griffiths (Cardiff), G R Jenkins (Swansea), S C John (Llanelli), H T Taylor (Cardiff), D Jones (Cardiff), G O Llewellyn (Neath), R G Collins (Pontypridd), E W Lewis (Cardiff).

Referee: S Lander (England)

IAN STEWART

Wainwright is left helpless as Robert Jones dives under the posts to give Wales their early lead on Saturday

Conformity leads to betrayal of great tradition

GERALD DAVIES
At Murrayfield

It is ten years since Wales won in Edinburgh. In the preceding 20 years, Murrayfield represented little to make the many thousands of Welshmen who make the biennial trek north tremble. Wales won six times out of ten. What has gone wrong?

Is it going too far to suggest that the qualities of brilliant opportunism, swiftness of mind and brave conviction, which were once the hallmarks of the Welsh game, have been scattered in the wind of change that arrived in the name of coaching and its demands to promote the idea of establishing patterns within the game, rather than to inspire instinctive responses. To yearn for those virtues now begins to look like nostalgia.

Whatever those who believe themselves to be among the foremost "thinkers" of the modern game may theorise, the man in the street in Wales knows, in his heart of true hearts, that a great Welsh tradition is being disowned. The demand to conform, which coaching requires, is alien to a nation of nonconformists. It is not only at senior level that the imbalance is manifest. The Wales under-21 side demonstrated as much on Friday afternoon when they, too, lost against their Scottish counterparts. And so it is at other levels in Wales. Welsh rugby needs to be free but everywhere it is in chains.

Scotland, for their part, may bemoan the lack of depth in their game and the narrow base from which they have to choose the national team. But on the evidence of Saturday, it is they who better demonstrate those qualities of quick thinking, self-belief and the taking of risk, upon which Wales once felt they had the copyright.

There was no better example of this than Scotland's first try. Back and Proctor attempted to counter-attack but found that they were isolated and, since it is not a habit encouraged at club level, they lacked sufficient support: their effort looked laboured and contrived. The Wales wing, as a last resort, was forced to kick. Gavin Hastings gathered on his own 22-metre line. He ran. Where Wales had failed, Scotland succeeded, with Weir and Logan continuing what turned out to be an irresistible momentum, which resulted in Peters crossing for a classic score.

Admittedly, swiftness of thought had brought Wales a brilliant try in the second minute, but they were not to return to the Scotland line for another 20 minutes. During this period, the Scots showed a better instinct than Wales for what the game required.

As against England, Wales insisted on playing too far behind their own gain-line, ensuring that Wainwright, Morrison and Peters, the Scotland back row, were running forward whereas their counterparts were usually in retreat. In addition, from every set-piece, Chalmers, who was in astute tactical form, pummelled a high ball in Back's direction. The Wales full back coped magnificently but it did not extinguish Scotland's impetus.

Wales no longer seem to understand this basic function of turning the opposition on their heels: nor do they seem to learn. This was an exact replica of the Welsh weakness that was so ruthlessly exposed by England.

These tactical errors were compounded by errors of technique. In winning the ball, Wales often failed to retain it, so that while they enjoyed sporadic runs by Robert Jones, Hall and Jenkins in the backs, and Llewellyn and Taylor from among the forwards, they invariably found not only that they could go no further but also that Scotland frequently recovered the advantage.

The home side's decision as to what to do with the ball — whether to move it on to a supporting player or to go on to form a ruck — was infinitely superior to that of Wales. However, Scotland will find England less accommodating.

Wales seem to have dug themselves into a hole once more. After winning the championship last season, which was followed by a series of games in Canada, the South Pacific and by the World Cup qualifying rounds, which also helped to instil confidence, they again have to recover not only their spirits but also their ideas on how to play the game. Their way back to international prominence is as far away as ever.

On the other hand, Scotland can feel relieved, for the moment, that the five nations' championship, which they seem so much to enjoy, has renewed their once flagging hopes.

Quiet confidence serves England well

By David Hands

As they used to say in the Westerns, "I don't like it, it's too quiet out there." England's preparations for the World Cup in May have yet to hit a significant hiccup: they have won all their international matches and have suffered no serious injury, save the loss of the uncapped Simon Shaw. Can their smooth drive down international rugby's highway be sustained?

There is more. Of the 17 representative teams turned out by the Rugby Football Union this season at senior, A, emerging players, under-21 and senior schools levels, only two have lost: the under-21s to Ireland last October and the schoolboys to New Zealand last month. If that does not argue strength in depth, as England finalise their 26-strong squad, what does?

Would that life were so simple. Weaknesses do remain in the England squad, for all that they have an eye on a grand slam on March 18, and certain aspects of the team pattern need stabilising. Hence the return to the playing fields of Marlow where the players spent so much training time before Christmas. The squad gathered there last week, will do so again next week and four more meetings are planned during April, after the World Cup party has been announced.

That is likely to be on March 27, by which time the lessons of the five nations' championship will have been absorbed. The problems with this championship, of course, have been climatic as much as anything: conditions at Lansdowne Road and Cardiff Arms Park were as contrary to what can be expected in Durban as possible, thus the approach against Ireland and Wales had to be tailored accordingly.

But what has emerged is a collective belief and a uniformity of purpose different from anything I can remember, different even from the hard-headed, not to say sullen, group who waged war on the world in 1991. This England group has a greater understanding of where it is going, and the varying ways it may get there; in addition the success of the lower teams offers a spur to consistency.

That is a tribute both to the team management and to the application of the players. "It was important in a World Cup season for England to become as much like a club team as possible, with regular contact," Will Carling has said. Hence Marlow, hence the careful conditioning of the players which has permitted them to go through the championship with the same 15 players and through all five senior internationals this season with only 19 players.

For all that, cover remains thin in certain key areas, a fact underlined by the XVs named last week at A and emerging players level. Wing, stand-off half and lock are all areas for debate, never mind the ongoing argument over the best back-row combination. If Ian Hunter remains standing between now and mid-May, he will find himself travelling as cover for full back or wing: he is due to discover Durban with the A side which plays Natal on March 18, after five months away from the game, and he will do well to make mental notes of what he finds.

Redman: vital experience

Mike Catt has had a wonderful season as England's full back, less wonderful as Bath's stand-off half. He remains the back-up to Rob Andrew because behind him the cupboard is bare: neither Paul Grayson, Paul Challinor nor Jez Harris look international candidates just yet while the emerging players XV which takes on Northern Transvaal in Bristol on Wednesday offers Richard Butland — from Bath's second XV — the chance to shine.

However, the absence of Nigel Redman from the A team is not significant. With the sad departure to the operating theatre of Shaw, the Bristol lock, Redman is a virtual certainty to go to South Africa because he has the experience — which other candidates do not — of a long international career, of South Africa and of jumping both in the front and the middle of the lineout. The next man in, Gareth Archer, has made huge strides this season but is not yet 21 and is a specialist front jumper.

There remains time for a fall from grace. Scotland lie in wait on March 18, like the scalping party in ambush for the unwary English stagecoach. But when England say they are aware of the pitfalls, they are not mouthing platitudes for the sake of it. It is too quiet out there, but English six-guns are at the ready.

South Africa's vote may be crucial to Welsh bid

By David Hands

IT IS an intriguing thought that South Africa may hold the balance of power when the time comes next weekend to decide the venue for the 1999 Rugby World Cup. The presentations, by Wales and Australia, take place on Saturday and after the manoeuvring which has taken place over recent weeks, the voting seems likely to be narrow indeed.

After the rift among the home unions, Wales are believed to have altered their bid so as to ensure that the French vote does not go to Australia. Originally, Wales planned four groups of five teams each, with 32 matches in England and Wales, and eight played in Scotland and Ireland.

The Scots and the Irish, predictably, took umbrage and wanted more: the French, whose own bid to host the tournament would have been entirely logical but arrived too late, still hope for a slice of the action and it is understood that Wales have now regressed to something resembling the 1991 tournament, which was a legal and commercial minefield.

The suggestion is that there will be five groups of four teams each, with additional play-offs to determine which other three countries join the group winners in the quarterfinals. So much for geographical hegemony, in both hemispheres, since the Australian bid incorporates pools played in New Zealand and Japan, as well as at either end of their own vast country.

But if the northern hemisphere achieves some kind of unity and the support of such countries as Argentina and Canada go to the southern hemisphere, the stance adopted by this year's hosts, South Africa, could be crucial. They have been part of the southern hemisphere alliance, formed three years ago, but their attitude is said to favour alternate tournaments — thus the next should be staged in the northern hemisphere.

A simple majority is required for the decision, due to be announced by the International Rugby Football Board next Monday. Each of the eight founder members of the board have two votes, with one each to Italy, Japan, Canada and Argentina, who are believed to be interested in staging the 2003 tournament.

☐ England's colts opened their international season by beating the Italian juniors 29-0 at a wet and windy Camborne on Saturday. There were four tries to enjoy, despite the conditions, none of which went down better with the local crowd than that by the Cornish prop, Vickery.

☐ Dudley Wood, secretary of the Rugby Football Union, hopes to be back at work later this week after suffering a broken sternum in a road accident near Saffron Walden, Essex on Friday evening. The driver of the other vehicle involved died and Wood, 64, was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge but was released on Saturday.

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Geoghegan's try of scant consolation to muted Lansdowne Road

Ireland reel from another body-blow

Delaigue, the France stand-off half, escapes from the clutches of Elwood, his opposite number, to score his side's opening try in the first minute of the second half

John Hopkins on a 25-7 victory for France that prolonged the home team's miserable season

ARE Ireland in the second division of the five nations' championship? Based on their play for 45 minutes against Scotland last month, the answer is no, but based on the rest of Ireland's performance at Murrayfield and this game against France, the answer is yes. There are serious problems in the game in the Emerald Isle.

The suggestion that Ireland are no longer capable of competing with France and England was not made by some irreverent visitor from England overflowing with Guinness. It came from Noel Murphy, the Ireland manager, as he ruminated on his team's third consecutive defeat in the championship.

Murphy first came out with this theme after the tedious 6-6 draw against Scotland at Lansdowne Road last year, when both sides were booed. One year later, it is more relevant still. Ireland will go to Cardiff in 12 days to compete with Wales for the wooden spoon. After that, they depart for the World Cup on a wing and a prayer.

Murphy suggested that Ireland have stuck more rigidly to the amateur code than some other European countries, and that it had probably cost them. "The IRFU [Irish Rugby Football Union] have put a lot into the development of the game," Murphy said. "Now it is time to start developing excellence. Our players need more physical strength, more upper-body strength. We must get them younger and work with them."

Gerry Murphy, the coach, went further. "England have just appointed a player development officer," he said. "I am not saying everyone should become professional. I am saying there should be professional help available. We have to put in place an elite players' programme."

Ireland, having been outplayed for most of this match, certainly need something. They managed one movement in the first few minutes which, if Michael Bradley's pass to Simon Geoghegan had been less wild, might have brought them a try. But it did not, and though they scored one try in the second half, the French managed to score four playing into the wind. If the penalty count had not been so heavily in Ireland's favour (17-3), then France might have won by a bigger margin.

Two surprising aspects of the game were the limpness of Ireland's play and how little atmosphere was generated at a ground where it is usually electric. Although Ireland put up a much better performance in the lineout than against Scotland, they made few teeth-rattling charges. Bradley could not provide his backs with either a quick enough or long enough pass, and Eric Elwood looked an ordinary stand-off half, unable to get his line moving, incapable of kicking well. Little wonder that, long before the end, spectators were streaming away.

The French managed to break every first tackle, and sometimes the second and third. Jim Staples, the Ireland full back, later remarked on the upper-body strength of the visitors. This may be a result of the extra time the French (and the English) seem to have for training, which in turn is a result of the more professional approach of those countries, the point the Murphys were referring to.

Again and again, Philippe Sella and Franck Mesnel, the war horses in the centre, slashed through Ireland's thin defences, and again and again, Philippe Benetton and Abdelatif Benazzi were used to come in on Yann Delaigue's shoulder to punch into the soft centre of the Irish team. Delaigue proved himself to be a cultured player who deservedly rounded off a quintessentially French movement for a try from Ireland's kick-off after half-time.

The French are rediscovering the confidence they demonstrated in New Zealand last summer, and if this was not quite the best they are capable of, as Pierre Berbizier, the France coach, suggested, then it was convincing enough. Tries were scored by the stand-off, wings and Marc Cécillon, the No 8, bringing their total in the championship to 11.

The French desperately need a goalkicker. It is inconceivable that they could play an important World Cup match using N'Tamack in this role. He ranks among the worst goalkickers seen in international rugby and the French were defensive about him after the match. "Has Elwood done any better today?" Berbizier asked in a rather prickly way. Noel Murphy said: "Don't be too critical of the young lads. They need help. They have tried bloody hard and they work five days each week. I think that before we define professionalism, we should define amateurism." It was an intriguing thought. Was it just Irish blarney, or did it mean something?

SCORERS: Ireland: Try: Geoghegan. Conversion: Elwood. France: Tries: Delaigue, Cécillon, N'Tamack, Saint-André. Conversion: N'Tamack. Penalty goal: N'Tamack.

IRELAND: J E Staples (Harlequins); S P Geoghegan (Bath), B J Mullin (Blackrock College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), N K P J Woods (Blackrock College); E P Elwood (Lansdowne), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain); N J Popplewell (Wasps), T J Kingston (Dolphin), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), E O Halvey (Shannon), D A Tweed (Ballymena), G M Fulcher (Cork Constitution), W D McBride (Malone), A G Foley (Shannon). Mullin replaced by M Field (Malone, 40min).

FRANCE: J-L Sadourny (Colomiers); E N'Tamack (Toulouse), P Sella (Agen), F Mesnel (Racing Club), P Saint-André (Montferrand, captain); Y Delaigue (Toulon), G Accoceberry (Bègles-Bordeaux); L Armary (Lourdes), J-M Gonzalez (Bayonne), C Califano (Toulouse), P Benetton (Agen), O Merle (Montferrand), O Brouzet (Grenoble), A Benazzi (Agen), M Cécillon (Bourgoin). Armary replaced by P Gallart (Béziers, 56-59; 65).

Referee: C Thomas (WRU).

Murphy not bitter but despairing

SIMON BARNES

At Lansdowne Road

Who do you least mind losing to? Always a hard question. In the five nations' championship, most English rugby supporters are in a dilemma. Ireland or France? France for their style in a game always short on exoticism; Ireland for their gung-ho attitude, their tendency to sporadic miracles.

It has been a troubled season for both teams and the match on Saturday was about whose troubles were the greater. France, accustomed, as their coach, Pierre Berbizier, said afterwards, to rapid oscillation between the heights and the depths, went some way towards rescuing themselves.

"Pride; fighting spirit; enthusiasm," Philippe Saint-André, their captain, said. By the end, the French were recognisably themselves. They had refound, as well as Saint-André's trinity of virtues, the quality of *esprit* — wit.

Ireland, outwitted utterly in the second half, had nothing to fall back on but their traditional *esprit de corps* and their unavailing hopes for a miracle. We are used to seeing Irish teams charging like light brigades and tackling as if each man had a spare neck in his pocket. That is why Ireland are a favourite second team for so many English.

But alas, on Saturday there was no demented outbreak of team spirit. Saturday's miracle was cancelled. It was the sort of defeat that implies that there is a very great deal amiss. Sad to say it, but the Irish looked like a bunch of semi-fit amateurs with no sense of purpose.

"In Ireland, rugby is a small game in a small country," Noel Murphy, the Ireland manager, said. The performance reeked of the acceptance of a status among the second rate. Michael Bradley, the Ireland captain, spelt this out — two tiers of rugby, he said. The southern hemisphere sides and England and France, and after that the second-raters.

Ireland's claim even to that status is tenuous. Ireland are on course for a season of four defeats; only a trip to Cardiff stands in their way. Parity of competition in the championship is beginning to erode.

It need not be like this. In football, the Republic of Ireland had been for years content to be among the second, or rather the third-raters. The odd victory against the odds gave comfort in the many hard times of defeat.

But, under Jack Charlton, Ireland have become one of the most feared sides in the world, the team you least want to be drawn against in any tournament. They beat Italy in the last World Cup, and Italy went on to reach the final.

Charlton's miracle is simple enough to explain. He has taken the traditional *esprit de corps* and grafted on to it a sense of rock-solid purpose. Every player on the pitch knows exactly what his assignment is, and that of his colleagues. It is a mixture of thorough-going professionalism and a very real sense of team identity.

On Saturday, the Ireland rugby team looked lost and ill-prepared. Tackles were missed again and again, balls dropped, passes spilt. The lack of self-belief was painful to watch. The performance was set about with amateurishness in the most pejorative sense of the term.

The pain was acutely felt by Murphy. His post-match response was not so much a press conference as a *cri de coeur*. He wants an elite squad to be established, changes in the structure of the game, a redefining of professionalism in a changing game.

Ireland's rugby resources are limited, in terms of money and in terms of players. But Charlton has shown that a small player pool can be manipulated to advantage. His art is the maximisation of limited resources. If the Irish rugby team cannot learn that art, they will find their self-chosen status of second-rater rather too ambitious.

Ireland, in short, have lost the plot. So, for a while, did the French this season. But France have refound themselves and, such is the way of things, are now looking to a maverick challenge for the World Cup. Ireland, the amateur's amateurs, must accept the wooden spoon and their fate. Muddling through while waiting for the next miracle is less and less a viable option in modern international rugby.

Stylish Underwood draws Wasps' sting

Leicester 21
Wasps 6

BY BRYAN STILES

RORY UNDERWOOD had not scored a try in the Courage Clubs Championship for two years until this bruising top-of-the-table collision at Welford Road on Saturday. He broke the drought with two spectacular contributions to ensure that Leicester maintain their challenge to Bath, the league leaders.

He scored with the pace and panache he demonstrated in the two tries he had collected in England's cause at Cardiff Arms Park a fortnight earlier. To repeat the display against a defence as good as Wasps', who lie third in the table, shows his continued appetite for rugby at the highest level.

Victory enabled Leicester to narrow the gap at the top to two points, with Bath only drawing against Gloucester; it also gives them a psychological advantage over Wasps, who travel to Welford Road again on April 1 for the semi-final of the Pilkington Cup.

Wasps have prospered this season with an attack-from-anywhere strategy but their efforts were stifled by some splendid defensive work by Leicester. Ian Smith, the Leicester coach, claimed that Wasps' emphasis on attack was all very well against lesser teams in the league, but it needed a much more varied approach to break down his multi-talented outfit.

Wasps opted to run the ball almost every time they were awarded a penalty within kicking range. With such an accurate kicker as Rob Andrew in their ranks, they eschewed a sackful of points.

With Dean Richards and Neil Back in impressive form, Leicester dominated much of the close-exchange activity, particularly in the second half when they continually robbed Wasps of the ball in ferocious rucks and mauls. Only Lawrence Dallaglio seemed to have the pace and the power to worry Leicester in the dying stages.

Liley (3) and Andrew (2) were on target with penalty goals in the first half which left Leicester with a 9-6 lead.

Underwood set the game alight in the 55th minute. His first try came after Back set up a maul and the ball was worked down the line to the wing; Underwood seemed to have no chance, with six defenders lining up to ground him, but he eluded the first posse with a fine turn of speed, produced a neat swerve and beat the rest of them to the corner.

Harris set up his second with a midfield break which sent the ball down the line for Underwood to dash to the same corner again.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: R Underwood (2). Conversion: Liley. Penalty goals: Liley (3). Wasps: Penalty goals: Andrew (2).

LEICESTER: J Liley; T Underwood, R Robinson, D Edwards, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, C Tarbuck, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards.

WASPS: J Ufton; S Hunter, D Hopley, G Childs, N Greenstock; R Andrew, S Bates; D Molloy, K Dunn, J Probyn, L Dallaglio, M Greenwood, N Hadley, C Wilkins, D Ryan

Referee: E Morrison (Bristol)

Northampton set for relegation showdown

Bristol 13
Northampton 24

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

ON MARCH 18, Will Carling, Brian Moore and Jason Leonard, of Harlequins, and Tim Rodber and Martin Bayfield, of Northampton, will pull on England jerseys at Twickenham in the united pursuit of a five nations' grand slam. A week later, across the road at the Stoop Memorial Ground, they will meet again in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship, and camaraderie must be forgotten. Almost certainly, the losers will be relegated.

Since last September, the cry "Northampton are too good to go down" has echoed around Franklin's Gardens, so much so that even some of the players believed it; yet without Rodber, Bayfield and Ian Hunter in the side, it has sounded hollow.

On Saturday, at the Memorial Ground, they were all present, Hunter for the first time since October. Morale was restored and, with three vital refereeing decisions going their way, they saw off Bristol by four tries to one; no mean feat for a team that had scored only eight in their 12 previous league outings.

Bayfield was dominant in the lineout, Rodber belligerent in the loose, but, with Eves and Barrow rampant, Bristol were always in contention, and Northampton were left grateful for the decisions that deprived Bristol of two tries.

SCORERS: Bristol: Try: Sharp. Conversion: Tainton. Penalty goals: Tainton (2) Northampton: Tries: Hunter, Dawson, Thorneycroft, Allen. Conversions: Grayson (2)

BRISTOL: P Hull, G Sharp, N Matthews, M Denney, A Williams; M Tainton, K Bracken, A Ozdemir, M Regan, D Hinkins, R Armstrong, P Adams, I Patten, D Eves, C Barrow.

NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; N Beal, M Allen, F Packman, H Thorneycroft, P Grayson, M Dawson, M Hynes, A Clarke, M Lewis, T Rodber, J Phillips, M Bayfield, J Cassell, G Seeley. Phillips replaced by G Webster (51min).

Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool)

Callard effects Bath escape

Bath 19
Gloucester 19

BY JACK BAILEY

GLOUCESTER came to Bath and gave a team unbeaten at home for four years the fright of their lives. Yet the glow of achievement at taking a point from a wonderful match was clouded by disappointment.

In ten Courage Clubs Championship encounters, only once had Gloucester beaten their old enemy. Now, by hard, uncompromising, yet tactically skilful play, they were seven points ahead with only seven minutes to go.

So stern had been Gloucester's defence that, entering the last quarter, Bath were in a state of desperation. The visitors employed every means to keep them out.

When they infringed, which they frequently did, Bath opted for abortive tap penalties instead of points in the bank. From Ubogu in the front to Ojomoh at the rear, their forwards tried and failed to crash their way through.

When, finally, Catt did slice through, Callard was at his elbow to cross under the posts. His conversion gave him all of Bath's 19 points.

Although forced to defend for long spells towards the end, Gloucester had had their full share of the game territorially and had crossed the Bath line. At the heart of their effort was a mighty performance by the pack. Even by Gloucester's own high standards of the past, it stood out for its attention to basics and sheer rugged obstinacy.

There was Teague, 35, at No 8, playing his last match at the Recreation Ground, his reading of the game and anticipation in the same class as that of Dean Richards. In a teak-hard front row, Deacon, the captain, had a game to remember. West and Sims not only dominated the lineout but were tigers in the loose.

When it came to talented improvisation, Bath held sway. But they were shaken by the Gloucester tackling, the determined running of Holford and Morris on the wings and the boot of Kimber.

Kimber set up Gloucester's attack with his tactical kicking and two dropped goals which, with Osborne's penalty and conversion of Holford's try, gave the visitors a well-deserved 16-9 lead at half-time.

Callard's three penalties had put Bath briefly into the lead, before Holford's second fine run within two minutes was rewarded with the try.

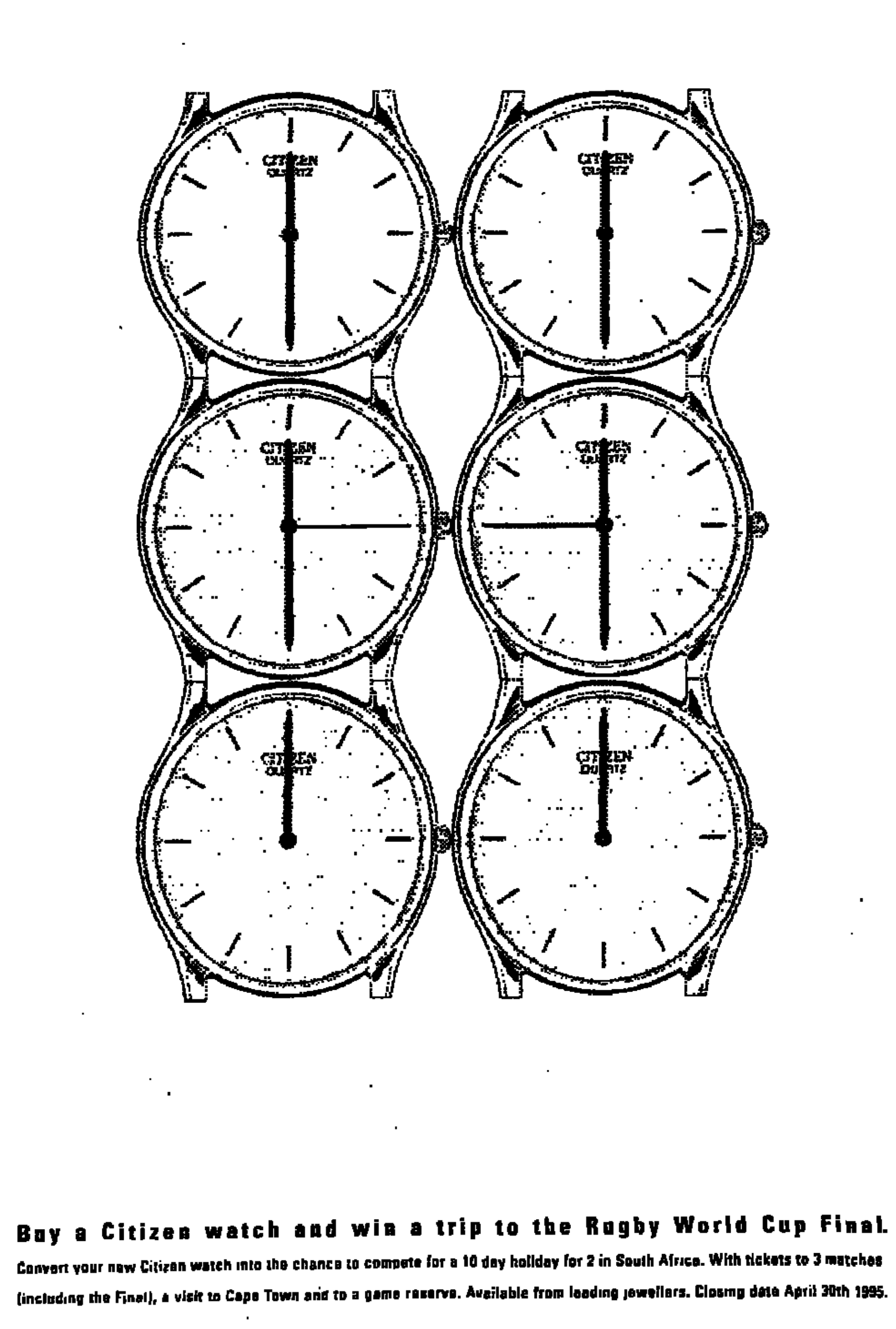
A penalty apiece was the only reward for great endeavour from both sides in the second half. That was until Bath at last got out of jail just as the cell door closed.

SCORERS: Bath: Try: Callard. Conversion: Callard. Penalty goals: Callard (4). Gloucester: Try: Holford. Dropped goals: Kimber (2). Conversion: Osborne. Penalty goals: Osborne (2).

BATH: J Callard; A Swift, P de Glanville, M Catt, A Adebayo; R Butland, I Sanders; C Clark, G Dawe, V Ubogu, M Haag, N Redman, A Robinson, S Ojomoh, B Clarke. Butland replaced by S Johnson (31min).

GLOUCESTER: T Smith; P Holford, D Caskie, L Osborne, S Morris; M Kimber, B Fenley; A Powles, J Hawker, A Deacon, P Glanville, D Sims, R West, I Smith, M Teague.

Referee: N Cousins (London).



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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ASHINGTON: BAF cross-country championships: Senior men (12,000m): 1, S Duval (Cannock) 39min 29sec; 2, D Clarke (Wimbledon) 39.42; 3, K Cullen (Chelmsford) 40.00. Junior men (8,000m): 1, B Reece (Wirral) 28.09; 2, A Graffin (Tonbridge) 28.14; 3, R Brown (Elswick) 28.23. Senior women (8,000m): 1, P Radcliffe (Bedford) 21.46; 2, A Hulley (Leeds) 22.17; 3, A Wyeth (Parkside) 22.27. Junior women (4,000m): 1, H Moulder (Westbury) 15.37; 2, A Outram (Parkside) 15.56; 3, B Gray (Riddings) 15.56.

SINDELFINGEN: Indoor meeting: Men: 60m: 1, L Christie (GB) 6.49sec. 5,000m: 1, S Franke (Ger) 13min 30.15sec. Long jump: 1, Y Tretyak (Russ) 8.03m. Women: 60m: 1, I Privalova (Russ) 7.00sec. 400m: 1, Y Andreyeva (Russ) 52.82. 1,500m: 1, F Quentin (Fr) 4min 15.01sec. Long jump: 1, H Drechsler (Ger) 7.09m.

ATLANTA: US indoor championships: Winners (US unless stated). Men: 60m: T Harden 6.54. 200m: T Long 20.75. 400m: M Johnson 44.63 (world record). 800m: J Tengelei (Ken) 1:46.70. Mile: N Bruton (Ire) 4:00.49. High jump: T Barton 2.29m. Long jump: J Greene 8.17. Triple jump: K Harrison 16.99m. Shot: C J Hunter 21.05m. Women: 200m: C Guidry-White 22.73. 60m: G Torrence 7.04. 800m: M Mutola (Moz) 1:58.41. Mile: R Jacobs 4:26.64. 3,000m: L Jennings 8:57.62. 60m hurdles: L Tolbert-Goode 7.93. Long-jump: J Joyner-Kersee 6.72. Triple jump: S Hudson-Strudwick 14.23.

MILAN: IAAF cross-country challenge: Men: 10km: 1, F Bayesa (Eth) 34.26; 2, P Tergat (Ken) 34:28; 3, S Hissou (Mor) 34.35. Women (5km): 1, A Dias (Por) 20:15; 2, K Kirui (Ken) 20:20; 3, M Ernsdottir (Ice) 20:41.

BIRMINGHAM: Indoor match: Winners: Men: 60m: A Lewis (Brunel Univ) 7.10sec. 300m: A Gibson (Birmingham Univ) 34.10. 600m: A Mole (Brunel U) 1min 19.40sec. 1,000m: A Whiteman (Brunel U) 2:23.00. 3,000m: R Finch (Army) 8:10.20. 60m hurdles: J Quarry (Brunel U) 8.10. 4x200m relay: Birmingham U 1:29.20. High jump: C Bent (RAF) 2.10m. Pole vault: B Thomas (Birmingham U) 4.70m. Long jump: C Howard (Brunel U) 7.41m. Triple jump: A Walker (Army) 14.45m. Shot: Lewis 13.26m. Match result: 1, Birmingham Univ 174; 2, Brunel U 167; 3, Loughborough Univ 144; 4, Army 139; 5, Royal Air Force 117; 6, Royal Navy 49. Women: 60m: K Butler (Loughborough Univ) 7.90. 300m: K Woods (Birmingham U) 40.40. 600m: V Bothams (Birmingham U) 1:36.40. 1,000m: Bothams 2:56.10. 60m hurdles: J Peet (Birmingham U) 9.10. 4x200m relay: Birmingham U 1:42.00. High jump: A Evans (Birmingham U) 1.75m. Pole vault: C Flice (Loughborough U) 2.80m. Long jump: C Burroughs (Birmingham U) 5.45m. Shot: E Merry (Loughborough U) 12.48m. Match result: 1, Birmingham Univ 154; 2, Loughborough Univ 141; 3, Brunel Univ 103.

GOSFORTH PARK: 4x3 miles road relay: Team: 1, Chester-le-Street 59min 7sec; 2, Wallsend 59.29; 3, Gateshead Harriers 59.40. Fastest laps: J Lisiewicz (Morpeth) 14.12, S Cram (Jarrow and Hebburn) 14.13. Women: 3 mile road race: 1, N Brown (Tynedale) 17min 9sec; 2, K Musson (Border) 17.58; 3, L Merr (Tynedale) 18.00. Team: 1, Border 13pts.

FINSBURY PARK: Muswell Hill 5 mile road race: 1, P Hogston (Blackheath Harriers) 24min 52sec; 2, I Hamilton (Invicta East Kent) 25.58; 3, M Smith (Haringey) 26.10. Team: 1, London Irish 62pts. Women: 1, M Johnston (West 4, Chiswick) 31min 55sec; 2, P Bee (Parkside, Harrow) 33.22; 3, S Runcie (Muswell Hill) 34.27.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION: Friday: Boston 103 Milwaukee 91; Philadelphia 102 New Jersey 98; Washington 111 Indiana 106; Atlanta 94 Detroit 78, Minnesota 108 Houston 105; Phoenix 122 Seattle 118 (OT), San Antonio 112 Orlando 111; Denver 100 Miami 98, LA Lakers 109 Sacramento 104 (2OT); Charlotte 116 Golden State 86. Saturday: Utah 98 Portland 81; Cleveland 76 New York 89; Indiana 101 Boston 107; Philadelphia 94 Chicago 106. Dallas 91 Detroit 98. LA Clippers 89 Denver 101.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Friday: Leicester 73 Birmingham 87. Saturday: Derby 99 Leopards 84; Hemel Hempstead 87 London 110; Manchester 90 Worthing 89; Sunderland 75 Leicester 70.

ENGLISH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION: Men: First division: Bury 75 Coventry 91; Plymouth 88 Solent 69; Ware 81 Stockton 80. Women: First division: Northampton 63 Nottingham 67; Thames Valley 68 Barking and Dagenham 72.

BOWLS

BEDFORD: Denny Cup: Semi-finals: Preston 74 Teignbridge 72; Cyphers 87 Rushden 54. Final: Preston 77 Cyphers 66.

NORTHAMPTON: Women's indoor national championships: Under-31 singles: Semi-finals: K Hawes (Cherwell) bt S Rickman (Kg George F) 21-13; E Clennell (Sunderland) bt J Bailey (Nottingham) 21-17. Final: Hawes bt Clennell 21-13. Fours: Semi-finals: Thornaby bt Egerton Park 29-16; Arun bt Egham 19-11. Final: Arun bt Thornaby 30-12.

BOXING

LIVINGSTON FORUM: World Boxing Council international super-bantamweight title: Naseem Hamed (Sheffield, holder) bt Sergio Liendo (Arg), ko 2nd. Cruiserweight: Dennis Andries (Hackney) bt Mike Peak (Kentucky), pts. Light-heavyweight: John Wilson (Edinburgh) v Darren Ashton (Stoke), both disqualified 3rd. Middleweight: Robin Reid (Warrington) bt Marvin O'Brien (Leeds), rsf 6th. Light-middleweight: Ryan Rhodes (Sheffield) bt Seamus Casey (Alfreton), ko 1st. Light-middleweight: Paul Griffin (Antrim) bt Chris Jickells (Scunthorpe), rsf 5th. Light-welterweight: Mark Winters (Ballymena) bt Trevor Smith (Birmingham), pts.

CRESTA RUN

NIGEL MOORES MEMORIAL RACE: 1, J U Deglaconi (Cz), 149.28pts; 2, R R Gansser (Cz), 149.93; 3, R Salomon (Cz), 150.72; 4, P G Dietheim (Cz), 152.88; 5, N Vabmbella (Fr), 153.13; 6, D G Payne (GB), 153.61

CRICKET

Test match

New Zealand v South Africa

AUCKLAND (second day of five, South Africa won toss): New Zealand, with nine wickets in hand, are 200 runs behind South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

G Kirsten b Larsen	16
R Steyn c Patel b Morrison	46
A C Hudson c Parore b Nash	1
D J Cullinan c Murray b Morrison	96
C E Eksteen c Fleming b Nash	21
*W J Cronje c Crowe b Morrison	41
J N Rhodes c Parore b Nash	0
†D J Richardson c Parore b Nash	18
C R Matthews c Parore b Larsen	26
P S de Villiers c Hart b Larsen	12
A A Donald not out	4
Extras (lb 13)	13
Total	294

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-42, 3-145, 4-168, 5-230, 6-230, 7-230, 8-276, 9-276.

BOWLING: Morrison 26-9-53-3; Nash 27-13-72-4, Larsen 24.3-7-57-3; Hart 11-3-45-0; Patel 17-2-54-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

B A Young not out	62
D Murray c Kirsten b Cronje	25
M D Crowe not out	1
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 2)	6
Total (1 wkt)	94

*K R Rutherford, S P Fleming, D N Patel, †A C Parore, G B Larsen, D J Nash, M N Hart and D K Morrison to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-88.

BOWLING: Donald 9-3-36-0; de Villiers 10-3-19-0, Matthews 12-5-13-0; Cronje 6-2-21-1; Eksteen 6-4-2-0.

Umpires: D Hair (Australia) and S Dunn (New Zealand).

PALMERSTON NORTH: Tour match: New Zealand Academy XI 133 (J Silva 5 for 28). Sri Lankans 94-0 (A P Gurusinha 54 not out).

MELBOURNE: Mercantile Mutual Cup: Final: South Australia 169. Victoria 170-6. Victoria won by four wickets.

BOMBAY: Masters cup: India 280-7 (D B Vengsarkar 105, K Srikkanth 85). South Africa 218-8 (R G Pollock 79). India won by 62 runs.

CYCLING

TIME TRIALS: Winners: Saint Budeaux (25 miles): C Brooks (Camelot) 52.18. Hull 2-up (25 miles): W Randle and K Dawson (Optimum P) 55:45. Dursley RC (10 miles): R Prebble (Wembley) 20:38. Knaresbrough (14 miles): D Cook (Middridge) 35:15. Sutton intermediate climb (1 mile): D Cook 6:19

ROAD RACES: Liverpool Echo Eddie Soens Handicap (Aintree, 50 miles): 1, D Williams (RT Italia), 1hr 52min 24sec; 2, J Ramsbottom (North Wirral Velo), same time, 3, P Jennings (North Wirral Velo), at 32sec. Rockingham Forest Wheelers (Middleton, Northamptonshire, 60 miles): 1, M Lovatt (Optimum Performance RT), 2:27:36; 2, J Charlesworth (CC Giro) at 39sec; 3, P Spencer (Long Eaton Paragon), at 1:20. Mirage CC (Sunk Island, North Humberside, 51 miles): 1, W Randle (Optimum Performance RT), 2:03:15, 2, M Maltby (Dinnington RC), at 40sec; 3, S Bowring (Leeds RRC), at 50sec. Tasvale Trophy (Norwich, 67km), J Dalton (Remfred Club, Norwich), 1:46:49. San Fairy Ann CC (Eastway, London, 32 miles): M Illingworth (Team Clean), 1:14:45.

DARTS

DONCASTER: UK matchplay tournament: Pre-tournament play-off: G Stoddart (Eng) bt C Lazarenko (Eng) 5-3. First round: R Harrington (Eng) bt R Harding (Eng) 5-3, D Smith (Eng) bt J Harvey (Scot) 5-3; P Evison (Eng) bt J Wilson (Scot) 5-0; L Butler (US) bt J Lowe (Eng) 5-1; Stoddart bt K Burrows (Eng) 5-3; R Anderson (Eng) bt K Spiolek (Eng) 5-4; D Priestley (Eng) bt P Taylor (Eng) 5-4; A Warriner (Eng) bt S Burgess 5-4. Quarter-finals: Harrington bt Smith 5-2; Evison bt Butler 5-3; Anderson bt Stoddart 5-3; Warriner bt Priestley 5-2.

GOLF

MIAMI: Open tournament: Leading third round scores (US unless stated): 201: P Jacobsen 68, 69, 64; G Norman (Aus) 68, 68, 65. 204: N Faldo (GB) 67, 71, 66, D Love 65, 69, 70. 205: H Sutton 68, 71, 66; W Austin 66, 71, 68; F Allem (SA) 66, 71, 68. 206: S Elkington (Aus) 67, 72, 67; D Hart 71, 67, 68; B Glasson 68, 68, 70; J Sluman 69, 67, 70; R Cochran 71, 64, 71. 207: G Waite (NZ) 71, 71, 65; J Huston 73, 69, 65; M O'Meara 69, 72, 66; V Singh (Fiji) 70, 70, 67; H Irwin 70, 70, 67; L Clements 70, 70, 67; D Duval 67, 72, 68; H Taylor 71, 67, 69; J Carter 72, 65, 70; J Leonard 68, 68, 71.

NAIROBI: Kenya open: Leading final round scores (GB unless stated): 268: J Lee 66, 68, 65, 68. 270: T Bjorn (Den) 64, 68, 67, 71, C Williams (SA) 65, 73, 65, 67. 271: J-F Remesy (Fr) 71, 68, 65, 69. 272: S Little 67, 66, 70, 69. 273: V Philips 67, 68, 68, 70; W Guy 70, 68, 68, 69. 274: A da Silva (Zim) 69, 68, 70, 67.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE: Friday: New York 5 Philadelphia 3; Dallas 4 Anaheim 0; Chicago 5 Edmonton 2. Saturday: New Jersey 6 Florida 1; Boston 3 Pittsburgh 4 (OT); Hartford 3 Tampa Bay 2 (OT); Winnipeg 4 San Jose 2; Quebec 1 Buffalo 1 (OT); Toronto 3 Calgary 2; Washington 5 Montreal 1; Los Angeles 4 Vancouver 5.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 11 Humberside 9; Cardiff 8 Edinburgh 1; Durham 4 Bracknell 9; Fife 8 Nottingham 4; Milton Keynes 7 Peterborough 3, Sheffield 14 Whitley 4.

LACROSSE

GUILDFORD: Territorial Reserves Championships (women): West 8 East 2; West 4 Combined Universities 1; West 5 Midlands 2; South 5 Combined Universities 1; South 13 East 1; South 9 Midlands 1; South 5 West 3; Combined Universities 7 East 0; Midlands 2 Combined Universities 1: Midlands 7 East 2. Final placings: 1, South; 2, West; 3, Midlands; 4, Combined Universities; 5, East.

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Cambridge University 2 Oxford University 20.

NETBALL

ENGLISH COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cheshire 41 Birmingham 52; Essex Metropolitan 62 Surrey 53; Middlesex 55 Derbyshire 45; Bedfordshire 65 East Essex 46.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SPORTS ASSOCIATION: Final: West London Institute 47 Loughborough 28.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: RAF Pistol Championships: Standard Pistol: 1, T Hessler (Kinloss) 553pts; 2, M Gault (Swanton Morley) 552; 3, S/Ldr P Flippany (Wyton) 552. Tyro: Cpl S Tudor (Coltishall) 537. Centre Fire: 1, Gault 589; 2, Flippant 576; 3, Sgt S Craik (Wittering) 558. Tyro: SAC J O'Shaughnessy 521. Police Pistol: 1, C/Tech C Webb (Northwood) 297; 2, Flippant 295; 3, Sgt R Cox (Boscombe Down) 294. Tyro: Cpl T Crown (Brampton). Service Pistol: 1, W/Cdr M Gregory (Brampton) 174, 2, Webb 169; 3, Crowe 168. Tyro: S/Ldr P Herbertson (Finningley). Victor Ludorum (non-tyro): 1, Flippant 158; 2, Cpl A Ford (Chivenor) 153; 3, Crowe 168. Tyro: 1, O'Shaughnessy 112; 2, F/Lt G Summers (Manston) 96; 3, Cpl C Steele-Benny (Cottesmore).

BISLEY: British Universities Pistol Championship: 1, Oxford A 58pts (4625); 2, Cambridge A 58 (4517), 3, Cambridge B 51.

SKATING

BIRMINGHAM: Men's qualifying: Group A: 1, T Eldredge (US) 1.0pts; 2, I Kulik (Russ) 2.0; 3, D Dmitrenko (Ukr) 3.0; 4, V Eremenko (Ukr) 4.0; 5, Z Kerekes (Hun) 5.0; 6, M Laminen (Fin) 8.0; 7, C Shorten (GB) 7.0; 8, A Mourashko (Belo) 8.0; 9, C Gheorghe (Rom) 9.0, 10, N Shigematsu (Japan) 10.0; 11, M Tylleeen (Den) 11.0.

SKIING

LILLEHAMMER: World cup freestyle: Aerials: Men: 1, S Foucras (Fr) 238.78pts; 2, T Worthington (US) 230.55, 3, C Rijavec (Austria) 225.58. Women: 1, N Stone (US) 171.17pts; 2, K Marshall (Aus) 167.30, 3, M Lindgren (Swe) 165.04. Moguls: Men: 1, D Gauthier (Can) 26.23pts, 2, S Shupletsov (Russ) 26.10; 3, E Grospiron (Fr) 25.96. Women: 1, L Dymchenko (Russ) 26.62pts; 2, D Weinbrecht (US) 26.52; 3, C Gilg (Fr) 25.43.

SAALBACH: Women's World Cup: Downhill: 1, P Street (US), 1min 37.87sec, 2 equal, I Kostner (It) and V Zelenskaya (Russ), 1:38.03. Super-G slalom: 1, H Zeller-Baehler (Switz) 1.04.59; 2, H Zurbriggen (Switz) 1:05.02; 3, M Ertl (Ger) 1:05.25. Overall standings: 1, K Seizinger (Ger) 943pts; 2, Zeller-Bahler 938; 3, V Schneider (Switz) 915; 4, Ertl 794, 5, Street 705. Downhill standings: 1, Street 509pts; 2, H Lindh (US) 398; 3, Seizinger 350; 4, Kostner 288; 5, Zelenskaya 258. Super-G standings: 1, Seizinger 346pts; 2, Zeller-Bahler 334, 3, S Eder (Austria) 230, 4, Zurbriggen 215; 5, Ertl 197.

SPEED SKATING

SAVALEN, Norway: Women's world championships: 500m: 1, G Niemann (Ger) 41.00sec, 2, E Hunyady (Austria) 41.27; 3, M D'Andrea (US) 41.70. 1,500m: 1, Niemann 2min 3.86sec; 2, L Prokasheva (Kaz) 2:06.15; 3, A Thomas (Holl) 2:08.52. 3,000m: 1, Niemann 4min 34.72sec, 2, C Zijlstra (Holl) 4.25.06; 3, L Prokasheva (Khazak) 4.26.13. 5,000m: 1, Niemann 7min 28.70sec; 2, C Zijlstra (Holl) 3.37.53; 3, H Warnicke (Ger) 7:39.42. Overall: 1, Niemann 171.276pts; 2, Prokasheva 175.201; 3, Thomas 175.548

SQUASH

ST PETER PORT: Guernsey women's open: Quarter-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt R Cooper (Aus) 8-10, 9-3, 9-4, 9-4, C Jackman (Eng) bt S Wright (Eng) 9-5, 7-9, 9-3, 9-2; S Horner (Eng) bt C Nitch (SA) 4-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-5; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt L Charman (Eng) 9-1, 9-1, 9-2. Semi-finals: Jackman bt Horner 7-9, 1-9, 9-3, 9-3, 9-3; Martin bt FitzGerald 9-5, 9-3, 9-6. Final: Martin bt Jackman 9-7, 9-6, 9-1.

BIRMINGHAM: National women's championship: Semi-finals: Edgbaston Priory 5 Pontefract 0; Corringham 5 Lee-on-Solent 0. Final: Corringham 3 Edgbaston Priory 2.

SWIMMING

STOCKPORT: British club team championships: Winners: Men: Freestyle: 50m: M Foster (Cardiff) 23.34. 200m: G Meadows (Leeds) 1.55.47. 400m: J Salter (Birmingham) 4:08.61. 1,500m: G Smith (Stockport M) 15:28.34. Backstroke: 100m: A Ruckwood (Birmingham) 57.45. 200m: Ruckwood 2:05.75. Butterfly: 200m: J Hickman (Stockport M) 2:05.05. Medley: 200m: F Walker (Glasgow) 2:09.11. Relay: 4 x 100m freestyle: Loughborough Students 3:33.73. 4 x 100m medley: Birmingham 3:58.27. Final positions: 1, Leeds 11,855pts; 2, Cardiff 11,551, 3, Loughborough Students 11,421.

WOMEN: Winners: Freestyle: 100m: S Rolph (Newcastle) 58.33. 400m: A Bennett (Nova Cent) 4:19.70. 800m: Bennett 8:57.74. Breaststroke: 100m: M Hardiman (Birmingham) 1.12.09. Backstroke: 100m: E Tattam (Portsmouth N) 1:05.35. 200m: Tattam 2:18.91. Butterfly: 100m: J Park (Newcastle) and C Foot (York) 1:04.86. Medley: 200m: Rolph 2:22.09. 400m: H Slatter (Warrington) 4.57.98. Relay: 4 x 100m freestyle: Portsmouth N 8:37.69. 4 x 200m freestyle: Portsmouth N 8:37.69. 4 x 100m medley: Portsmouth N 4:25.07. Final positions: 1, Portsmouth N 11,753; 2, Leeds 11,342; 3, Nova Cent 11064. Overall: 1, Leeds 23,197, 2, Portsmouth N 23,041, 3, Loughborough St 22,051, 4, Birmingham 21,772; 5, Nova Cent 21,306; 6, Wigan W 21,260

TABLE TENNIS

KING'S LYNN: National championships: Men: Semi-finals: C Prean (Isle of Wight) bt D Douglas (Warwickshire) 21-14, 21-18, 13-21, 20-22, 21-15, C Xinhua (Yorkshire) bt A Cooke (Derbyshire) 10-21, 21-18, 21-12, 21-16. Women: Semi-finals: A Holt (Lancashire) bt L Radford (Essex) 21-18, 21-13, 21-8; A Gordon (Berkshire) bt K Goodall (Yorkshire) 21-17, 21-13, 21-11.

TENNIS

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: T Martin (US) bt C Arriens (Ger) 7-5, 7-6; J Courier (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-3, 6-3; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt B Steven (NZ) 6-3, 6-2. Semi-finals: Philippoussis bt Martin 7-5, 6-3; Courier bt Edberg 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

ROTTERDAM: World indoor tournament: Semi-finals: P Haarhuis (Holl) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; R Krajicek (Holl) bt O Camporese (It) 6-3, 7-5. Final: Krajicek bt Haarhuis 7-6, 6-4.

MEXICO CITY: Mexican open: Quarter-finals: F Meligeni (Br) bt M Petchey (GB) 3-6, 6-2, 7-6, A Corretja (Sp) bt J Burillo (Sp) 7-5, 3-6, 7-6; F Clavel (Sp) bt M Hadad (Col) 6-4, 6-1; T Muster (Austria) bt O Martinez (Sp) 7-6, 6-1. Semi-finals: Meligeni bt Corretja 6-1, 6-0, Muster bt Clavet 7-6, 6-1, 6-2.

BRACKNELL: Indoor tournament: Final: T Johansson (Swe) bt B Cowan (GB) 6-4, 6-2.

INDIAN WELLS, California: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: M-J Fernandez (US) bt C Martinez (Sp) 7-6, 6-2; N Zvereva (Bel) bt E Likhovtseva (Kaz) 6-4, 6-0; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt C Rubin (US) 7-6, 6-2; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt L Davenport (US) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6. Semi-finals: Zvereva bt Sánchez Vicario 7-5, 6-3, Fernandez bt Sawamatsu 6-4, 6-1.

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: America's cup trials: Fourth round: Challenger series: Team New Zealand bt Tag Heuer Challenge, 2min 35sec, Rioja de Espana bt Sydney 95, 1:15; Nippon bt France*, 3:38. Standings: 1, Team New Zealand 55pts, 2, One Australia 43; 3, Tag Heuer Challenge 39. Defender series: Young America bt Stars & Stripes, 1min 3 sec. Standings: 1 equal, Stars & Stripes and Young America 32pts, 3, America³ 14.

RACING

DONCASTER

Going: good

1.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Go Ballistic (M A Fitzgerald, 2-1 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating). 2, Futuressecretary (7-2); 3, The Shy Padre (10-1). 18 ran. NR: Oxford Quill. 9l, 11l. J O'Shea. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £1.90, £3.20. DF: £4.90. Trio: £20.60. CSF: £9.46.

2.25 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Easthorpe (M A Fitzgerald, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, I Have Him (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Cheeks (20-1). 8 ran. 6l, 1½l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £1.60, £3.10. DF: £5.10. CSF: £8.71.

3.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1†, Brambleberry (Richard Guest, 12-1) 1†, Mr Confusion (O Pears, 11-8 fav). 3, Bell Staffboy (20-1). 12 ran. Dd ht. 14l. Mrs S Smith, J Eyre. Tote: Brambleberry £5.20, Mr Confusion £1.20; Brambleberry £2.60, Mr Confusion £1.20, £4.70. DF: £12.40. Trio: £99.60. CSF: Brambleberry, Mr Confusion £13.73, Mr Confusion, Brambleberry £8.88. Tricast: Brambleberry, Mr Confusion, Bell Staffboy £159.38, Mr Confusion, Brambleberry, Bell Staffboy £110.51.

3.35 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, One More Dream (Richard Guest, 20-1), 2, Gnome's Tycoon (9-2); 3, Rodeo Star (8-1). Bibendum 3-1 fav. 9 ran. 10l, 1¼l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £19.50; £4.00, £1.60, £2.20. DF: £41.30. Trio: £121.10. CSF: £98.40. Tricast: £716.70.

4.05 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Cab On Target (P Niven, 7-2 fav); 2, Dominant Serenade (14-1); 3, Couture Stockings (9-1). 9 ran. 3l, 20l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.30; £1.80, £3.20, £2.00. DF: £41.80. Trio: £93.10. CSF: £41.76. Tricast: £341.02.

4.40 (3m 2f ch) 1, Meleagris (A Maguire, 15-8 fav); 2, Nevada Gold (10-1); 3, Channels Gate (7-1). 10 ran. NR: Silver Stick. 6l, ½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £2.70, £3.90. DF: £22.80. Trio: £46.00. CSF: £18.75. Tricast: £96.72.

5.10 (2m 110yd) 1, Monicasman (P Morris, 4-1); 2, Beggars Banquet (9-1); 3, Ice Cold In Alex (9-4 fav). 18 ran. 2½l, hd. A Jarvis. Tote: £6.50; £2.90, £2.90, £1.30. DF: £20.40. Trio: £22.80. CSF: £44.27.

Placepot: £80.10. Quadpot: £44.60.

LINGFIELD PARK

2.10 1, Lyford Law (11-10 fav); 2, Chewit (13-2); 3, Dance King (3-1). 7 ran

2.40 1, Gulf Shaadi (4-9 fav); 2, Mazilla (10-3); 3, Chastleton (16-1). 6 ran. NR: Call Tophorse.

3.10 1, Dune River (11-4 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Second Chance (16-1); 3, Ertlon (3-1). 7 ran

3.45 1, Shaft Of Light (5-2 fav); 2, Bakers Daughter (9-1); 3, Never So Rite (14-1). 9 ran.

4.15 1, Ionio (10-11 fav), 2, Young Freeman (Evens); 3, Latahaab (16-1). 4 ran.

4.45 1, Invocation (11-4), 2, Tyrian Purple (9-4 fav). 3, Bold Street (100-30). 8 ran.

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1, Queens Stroller (14-1); 2, Aitch N'Bee (6-1); 3, Royal Acclaim (12-1). Slip A Coin 7-4 fav. 12 ran

7.30 1, Poly Road (5-2); 2, Kirov Protege (3-1). 3, What A Nightmare (Evens fav). 4 ran.

8.00 1, Charlie Bigtime (9-2; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Premier Dance (4-1); 3, Mr Bean (7-4 fav). 11 ran.

8.30 1, Brigadore Gold (10-1); 2, Arrogant Boy (14-1); 3, Nite-Owl Dancer (5-2 jt-fav). Keeper's Grey 5-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: La Dama.

9.00 1, Farfelu (2-1); 2, Very Dicey (Evens fav), 3, Samson-Agonistes (3-1). 3 ran. NR: Pat Poindestres.

9.30 1, Crystal Loop (7-4 fav); 2, Sharp Holly (16-1); 3, Lawnswood Lady (16-1). 10 ran.

☐ Newbury (waterlogged) and Warwick (frost) were abandoned.

POINT-TO-POINT

BROCKLESBY (Brocklesby Park): Hunt: 1, Ginger Pink (G Tumbull, 2-5 fav); 2, Pokey Grange; only 2 finished. 2 ran. Confined: 1, Bright As A Button (G Tarry, 4-5 fav); 2, Traders Choice; 3, Teatrader. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Statfold Pam (Miss S Baxter, 10-1); finished alone. 5 ran. Open: 1, Fine Lace (G Tarry, 5-2); 2, Avostar; 3, Golden Moss. 7 ran. Rest: 1, Lord Of The West (J Greenall, 9-4 fav), 2, Double Collect; 3, Lucky Christopher. 16 ran. Mdn: 1, Sound Statement (J Greenall, 11-10 fav); 2, Enns Bar; 3, Paddy's Pocket. 14 ran.

CHIDDINGFOLD, LECONSFIELD & COWDRAY (Parham): Hunt: 1, Pat Alaska (Miss C Wates, 6-4); 2, Matchstick Charlie; only 2 finished. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Amazon Lily (M Gorman, 14-1); 2, Roc De Prince; 3, Supreme Dealer. 9 ran. PPOA: 1, Saddler's Choice (G Gigantesco, 8-1); 2, Celtic Spark, 3, Merlyns Choice. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Springmount (Mrs L Wrighton, 8-1); 2, Grand Value; 3, Alleged Savage. 9 ran. Open: 1, St Laycar (A Greig, 5-1); 2, Shannon Glen; 3, Yahoo. 5 ran. Mdn: 1, MaudsThyne (T Hills, 6-1), 2, Very Rare; 3, Picture This. 8 ran.

Paula Radcliffe, right, takes up the pace from the early leader, Alison Wyeth, on her way to winning the women's race in the BAF British cross country trials at Ashington yesterday. Report: page 24. Photograph: Ted Ditchburn

RUGBY LEAGUE

John Smith's European championship

France 10 Wales 22

France: Tries: Garcia, Llong. Goal: Millet. Wales: Tries: Bateman 2, Atcheson, Harris. Goals: Davies 3. Att: 6,000.

(at Carcassonne)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	2	2	0	0	40	26	4
England	2	1	0	1	35	34	2
France	2	0	0	2	26	41	0

John Smith's under-21 international

France 17 Great Britain 16

France: Tries: Bisson, Duluc, Jammes. Goals: Duluc 2. Dropped goal: Banet. Great Britain: Tries: Flynn, Martin. Goals: Hewitt 4. Att: 1,500.

(at Albi)

ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL: France 4 Great Britain 48 (at Carcassonne).

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Oldham 10 Wakefield 12

Oldham: Try: Ranson. Goals: Marsh 3. Wakefield: Tries: Conway, Whittaker. Goals: Wright 2. Att: 3,500.

Wigan 38 Workington 0

Wigan: Tries: Cassidy, Connolly, Offiah, Paul, Quinnell, Robinson. Goals: Botica 7. Att: 14,405.

Friday

Hull 16 Sheffield 20

Hull: Tries: Danby, David, G Nolan. Goals: McNamara 2. Sheffield: Tries: Broadbent, Cook, Randall. Goals: Stott 4. Att: 3,000.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	21	20	0	1	744	270	40
Leeds	22	19	1	2	644	367	39
Bradford	23	14	1	8	594	430	29
St Helens	22	14	1	7	597	445	29
Halifax	21	13	2	6	553	360	28
Warrington	21	12	2	7	510	374	26
Castleford	21	12	2	7	554	424	26
Oldham	22	9	1	12	415	516	19
Sheffield	22	9	0	13	428	552	18
Salford	21	8	1	12	424	488	17
Workington	23	8	1	14	356	572	17
Wakefield	23	8	0	15	345	568	16
Featherstone	22	6	1	15	420	492	13
Widnes	20	6	1	13	261	470	13
Doncaster	22	5	1	16	360	644	11
Hull	22	3	1	18	404	637	7

Second division

Batley	8	Keighley	6
Carlisle	32	Hull KR	40
Highfield	6	Bramley	30
Hunslet	6	Swinton	4
Leigh	12	Barrow	14
London Broncos	22	Dewsbury	16
Whitehaven	20	Ryedale York	13

Postponed: Rochdale v Huddersfield.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	21	17	1	3	653	236	35
Whitehaven	21	16	0	5	548	351	32
Batley	22	16	0	6	463	284	32
London Broncos	22	15	0	7	512	347	30
Dewsbury	21	14	0	7	573	312	28
Hull KR	22	13	1	8	635	334	27
Huddersfield	21	13	1	7	578	348	27
Rochdale	21	12	0	9	527	412	24
Hunslet	22	11	0	11	413	566	22
Ryedale York	22	10	1	11	521	438	21
Leigh	21	10	0	11	451	460	20
Swinton	22	8	0	14	432	594	16
Bramley	20	7	0	13	394	377	14
Carlisle	22	4	0	18	365	701	8
Barrow	22	3	0	19	276	629	6
Highfield	22	1	0	21	164	1116	2

BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Fourth round: Bicons 25 Underbank 10; Chequerfield 34 Roundhill 8, Crown Malet 14 Barrow Island 16, East Leeds 6 Dudley Hill 10. Eastmoor 68 Pudsey 22; Ellenborough 22 Leigh Miners 4. Featherstone Am 8 West Bowling 18. Folly Lane 16 Redhill 14. Mayfield 22 B R K 12; Middleton 4 Thatto Heath 20. Millom 32 Hull Dockers 20; New Earswick A B 15 Dewsbury Celtic 18. Ossett Trinity 2 Ackam 8, Park Amateurs 15 Leigh East 21. Siddal 20 Walh Brow Hornets 18; Skirlaugh 40 Elland 2. Thornhill 34 Flimby 1, Walnut Warriors 28 Brassmoulders 20. York Acorn 27 Batley Victoria 16. Postponed: Clayton v Featherstone M W, Farnworth R O B v Heworth: Greetland A R v West Hull, Hollon Simms Cross v Birkenshaw. Heysham Atoms v West Bank; Oulton v Westgate Redoubt: Queensbury v Hensingham; Saddleworth v Lowca. Wigan St Pats v Crosfields; Wigan St Judes v Lock Lane

RUGBY UNION

Five nations' championship

Ireland 7 France 25

Ireland: Try: Geoghegan. Con: Elwood. France: Tries: Cecillon, Delaigue, N'Tamack, Saint-André. Con: N'Tamack. Pen: N'Tamack.

(at Lansdowne Road)

Scotland 26 Wales 13

Scotland: Tries: Hilton, Peters. Cons: G Hastings 2. Pens: G Hastings 4. Wales: Try: R Jones. Con: N Jenkins. Pens: N Jenkins 2.

(at Murrayfield)

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bath 19 Gloucester 19

Bath: Try: Callard. Con: Callard. Pens: Callard 4. Gloucester: Try: Holford. Con: Osborne. Pen: Osborne 2. Dropped goals: Kimber 2.

Bristol 13 Northampton 24

Bristol: Try: Sharp. Con: Tainton. Pens: Tainton 2. Northampton: Tries: Allen, Dawson, Hunter, Thorneycroft. Cons: Grayson 2.

Leicester 21 Wasps 6

Leicester: Tries: R Underwood 2. Con: Liley. Pens: Liley 3. Wasps: Pens: Andrew 2.

Sale 8 Orrell 8

Sale: Try: Yates. Pen: Turner. Orrell: Try: Wynn. Pen: Langford.

West Hartlepool 10 Harlequins 8

West Hartlepool: Tries: Brown, Jones. Harlequins: Try: Mensah. Pen: Challinor.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	13	10	3	0	251	149	23
Leicester	13	10	1	2	298	191	21
Wasps	13	9	0	4	349	232	18
Sale	13	5	2	6	250	262	12
Bristol	13	6	0	7	234	255	12
Gloucester	13	5	1	7	199	211	11
Orrell	13	4	3	6	155	200	11
West Hartlepool	13	4	1	8	237	297	9
Harlequins	13	3	1	9	182	265	7
Northampton	13	3	0	10	190	283	6

LEADING SCORERS: 154: M Tainton (Bristol, 8 conversions, 45 penalty goals; 1 dropped goal). 148: J Harris (Leicester; 11c, 37pg, 5dg). 135: P Grayson (Northampton, 1 try, 8c, 37pg, 1dg). 128: J Callard (Bath, 1t, 11c, 33pg). 110: R Andrew (Wasps, 2t, 14c, 21pg, 3dg). 87: P Turner (Sale, 18c, 14pg, 3dg). 85: M Mapletoft (Gloucester, 2t, 9c, 19pg). 78: P Challinor (Harlequins, 1t, 2c, 21pg, 3dg). 73: S Langford (Orrell; 2c, 23pg).

Second division

Coventry 5 London Scottish 19

Coventry: Try: Caswell. London Scottish: Try: Ferguson. Con: Steele. Pens: Steele 3. Dropped goal: Steele

Fylde 27 London Irish 12

Fylde: Tries: Anderton, Ashton, Barclay, Hanavan. Cons: Parker 2. Pen: Parker. London Irish: Tries: Bird, McEntegart. Con: Corcoran.

Wakefield 22 Nottingham 17

Wakefield: Try: White. Cons: Jackson. Pens: Jackson 5. Nottingham: Tries: Passmore, Smallwood, penalty try. Con: Gabriel

Waterloo 16 Saracens 23

Waterloo: Try: Wright. Con: Swindells. Pens: Swindells 3. Saracens: Tries: Diprose, penalty try. Cons: Tunningley 2. Pens: Tunningley 3.

Postponed: Moseley v Newcastle Gosforth

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	13	12	0	1	259	153	24
Wakefield	13	8	0	5	232	204	16
Newcastle	12	7	0	5	274	176	14
London Irish	13	7	0	6	276	254	14
Waterloo	13	7	0	6	218	233	14
London Scottish	13	6	0	7	246	220	12
Nottingham	13	5	1	7	220	218	11
Fylde	13	5	0	8	178	255	10
Moseley	12	4	1	7	172	224	9
Coventry	13	2	0	11	189	307	4

LEADING SCORERS: 145: M Jackson (Wakefield, 10 conversions, 42 penalty goals). 134: S Mason (Newcastle Gosforth, 1 try, 15c, 32pg, 1 dropped goal). 126: A Tunningley (Saracens, 2t, 13c, 30pg). 117: M Corcoran (London Irish, 3t, 12c, 26pg). 114: S Swindells (Waterloo 6c, 34pg)

Third division

Clifton 7 Morley 18

Clifton: Try: Brain. Con: Beresford. Morley: Tries: Shepherd, penalty try. Con: Grayshon. Pen: Grayshon. Dropped goal: Grayshon.

Harrogate 17 Exeter 3

Harrogate: Try: Bell. Pens: Easterby 4. Exeter: Pen: Green.

Otley 0 Blackheath 15

Blackheath: Tries: Friday, Griffiths, MacIntyre.

Richmond 19 Rugby 10

Richmond: Tries: Boyd, Foster. Pens: Gregory 3. Rugby: Try: Saunders. Con: Quantrill. Pen: Quantrill.

Postponed: Bedford v Rosslyn Park.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackheath	13	10	0	3	196	92	20
Bedford	11	8	0	3	226	142	16
Otley	13	8	0	5	214	147	16
Harrogate	13	7	1	5	186	218	15
Morley	13	6	1	6	185	227	13
Rosslyn Park	12	6	0	6	171	169	12
Rugby	11	5	0	6	166	173	10
Richmond	13	4	1	8	178	210	9
Clifton	13	4	0	9	171	234	8
Exeter	12	2	1	9	103	184	5

LEADING SCORERS: 143: A Finnie (Bedford; 10 conversions, 38 penalty goals, 3 dropped goals). 127: P Rutledge (Otley; 3 tries, 11c, 30pg). 104: S Howard (Blackheath, 7c, 28pg, 2dg)

Fourth division

Askeans	15	Plymouth	8
Havant	37	Broughton Park	22
Liverpool St H	49	Redruth	21
Reading	29	Aspatria	25
Rotherham	34	Leeds	18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotherham	12	11	0	1	392	166	22
Reading	13	11	0	2	300	219	22
Liverpool	13	8	2	3	262	182	18
Havant	13	8	2	3	293	207	18
Leeds	13	6	0	7	198	197	12
Aspatria	13	6	0	7	198	254	12
Redruth	13	3	2	8	210	288	8
Plymouth	12	2	2	8	195	251	6
Broughton Park	13	3	0	10	147	277	6
Askeans	13	2	0	11	150	324	4

Fifth division north

Preston	12	Wharfedale	6
Winnington Pk	19	Birmingham/Sol	22

Postponed: Barkers Butts v Sheffield; Hereford v Kendal; Stourbridge v Nuneaton; Walsall v Lichfield.

Fifth division south

Barking	14	London Welsh	19
Henley	27	Camborne	24
Met Police	15	Lydney	17
North Walsham	15	Basingstoke	8
Sudbury	17	Berry Hill	13

Postponed: Tabard v High Wycombe

LONDON: First division: Esher 6 Camberley 22; Eton Manor 3 Streatham and Croydon 6; Guildford and Godalming 30 Old Mid-Whitgiftians 26. Ruislip 24 Harlow 17. Southend 20 Maidstone 0. Postponed: Ealing v Sutton and Epsom

SOUTH WEST: First division: Maidenhead 38 Cinderford 6, St Ives 20 Taunton 16; Stroud 7 Gloucester OB 26. Torquay 9 Brixham 11. Postponed: Barnstaple v Salisbury. Newbury v Cheltenham.

MIDLANDS: First division: Mansfield 22 Derby 0. Postponed: Bedworth v Stafford; Syston v Whitchurch. Towcestrians v Burton; Westleigh v Leamington. Worcester v Camp Hill.

NORTH: First division: Bradford and Bingley 16 Stockton 15, Durham City 16 Wigton 10, Huddersfield 13 West Park Bramhope 8, Sandal 27 Hull Ionians 9; Tynedale 18 Middlesbrough 23, Widnes 8 Manchester 9

Club matches

Stoke	15	Weston-s-Mare	24
Trinity C, Dub	43	Oxford Univ	41

Cancelled: Corstorphine v Haddington; Royal High v Preston Lodge

Representative match

England Colts 29 Italy Juniors 0

England Colts: Tries: Truelove 2, Waters, Vickery. Pens: Belgian 2, Blyth.

Women's University match

Cambridge 5 Oxford 17

VLADIVAR NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-finals: Nottingham Casuals 0 Wasps 31. Blackheath I 10 Richmond II 0, Blackheath II 0 Northampton Ladies 5. Saracens 7 Richmond I 10

Super 10 tournament

Pool A

Transvaal 21 New South Wales 18

(in Johannesburg)

W Province 21 Otago 33

(in Cape Town)

Pool B

Queensland 24 Canterbury 6

(in Brisbane)

Orange Free S 21 Auckland 15

(in Bloemfontein)

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

First division: Saturday: Guildford 2 Hounslow 1; Southgate 0 Stourport 0; Teddington 6 Hull 2. Yesterday: Bournville 5 Indian Gymkhana 2, Cannock 0 East Grinstead 0; Firebrands 1 Trojans 4; Havant 3 Canterbury 2; Hounslow 3 Old Loughtonians 2; Reading 4 Slough 0; Southgate 3 Guildford 4, Surbiton 4 Hull 0; Teddington 2 Stourport 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Teddington	12	9	1	2	38	17	28
Guildford	13	8	1	4	41	24	25
Reading	12	8	1	3	25	15	25
Hounslow	13	7	3	3	18	14	24
Southgate	13	6	5	2	36	21	23
Cannock	11	6	4	1	32	12	22
O Loughtons	11	7	1	3	31	17	22
Surbiton	13	6	3	4	23	15	21
East Grinstead	12	5	2	5	21	17	17
Indian Gym	14	5	2	7	22	34	17
Havant	11	4	4	3	20	21	16
Bournville	12	3	4	5	20	29	13
Canterbury	13	2	6	5	22	26	12
Trojans	13	3	3	7	22	32	12
Stourport	12	2	5	5	15	23	11
Hull	13	3	1	9	14	43	10
Firebrands	12	2	1	9	12	26	7
Slough	14	1	3	10	15	48	6

SECOND DIVISION: Barford Tigers 4 Gloucester City 1; Beeston 2 Richmond 2; Bromley 2 Isca 2; Brooklands 2 Oxford University 1; Cambridge City 2 St Albans 3, Crostyx 2 Doncaster 1; Hampstead and Westminster 1 Edgbaston 2; Neston 2 Harleston M 5; Sheffield 2 Whitchurch 2. Relegated: Cambridge City and Neston.

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Fifth round: Cannock 5 Reading 3 (aet). Quarter-final draw: Formby v Richmond; Guildford v Barford Tigers, Isca v Cannock, Southgate v Teddington.

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TROPHY: Fourth round: Alderley Edge 0 Bowdon 3; Blossomfield 3 Bexley Invicta 1. Durham University 6 Camberley 2 (aet); Long Sutton 0 Shrewsbury 2.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier League: Chichester 2 Oxford Hawks 3. High Wycombe 1 Dulwich 1, Lewes 4 Ashford 4; Lyons 1 Winchester 0. Old Whitgiftians 2 Gore Court 1; Old Walcountians 0 City Of Portsmouth 4, Spencer 3 Anchorians 3. Staines 1 Old Kingstonians 1; Wimbledon 3 Maidenhead 1; Woking 2 Fareham 4. Regionals: Hampshire/Surrey: Barnes 6 London University 2; Camberley 0 Cheam 1, Epsom 1 Oxted 3; O Edwardians 6 Lensbury 1; O Mid Whitgiftians 2 Basingstoke 0; Oxshott 2 Hamble OB 0; Pirelli 2 Bournemouth 6; Purley 4 Merton 0; Southampton Tautonians 2 Fleet 1, Weybridge Hawks 1 Petersfield 0. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: City of Oxford 2 Sunbury 3; Eastcote 6 Richings Park 0, Gerrards Cross 1 Ramgarhia 4; Hayes 1 Newbury 3; HCC 0 PHC Chiswick 4, Hendon 2 OMT 1; Mill Hill 4 Milton Keynes 2. Postponed: Bracknell v Aylesbury; Headington v Wokingham; Marlow v Amersham. Kent/Sussex: Belvedere 7 Bexleyheath 1, Crawley 1 Blackheath 1; Gravesend 2 Bognor 4; Herne Bay 5 Brighton 0, Horsham 4 Greenwich 0. Marden Russets 1 Tunbridge Wells 4. Middleton 0 Beckenham 3; O Bordenians 1 Tulse Hill 1; O Holcombeians 6 Sevenoaks 0; O Williamsonians 2 Mid Sussex 1.

DTZ THORPE MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hampton in Arden 2 Bloxwich 2; Khalsa 1 Nottingham 2: Leicester Westleigh 3 Belper 4

SUN LIFE LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheltenham 0 Weston-Super-Mare 0, Exeter Univ 1 Plymouth 1. Taunton Vale 2 Hereford 2: West Wilts 1 Swansea 2. Postponed: West Glos v Bath Buccaneers.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Colchester 2 Chelmsford 1: Ipswich 5 Bishops Stortford 1, Redbridge and Ilford 1 Peterborough Town 2. Postponed: Dereham v Bluehaits: Luton v Cambridge University. Premier division B: Sudbury 1 Ipswich and East Suffolk 1; Westcliff 2 Old Southendian 3. Postponed: Bury St Edmunds v Norwich City, Stevenage v Bedford.

NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Formby 4 Ben Rhydding 1; Hightown-Northern 3 Norton 0; Southport 2 Harrogate 2; Stockton 0 Timperley 3; Warrington 2 Blackburn 0

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION: Saturday: Bracknell 1 Chelmsford 0; Hightown 1 FP Sutton Coldfield 1; Ipswich 1 Clifton 2, Slough 4 Leicester 1. Yesterday: Chelmsford 2 Slough 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slough	11	10	1	0	31	5	31
Ipswich	11	7	1	3	17	8	22
Hightown	11	5	4	2	18	9	19
Sutton C	11	4	4	3	12	13	16
Leicester	11	2	5	4	9	13	11
Clifton	11	3	2	6	10	19	11
Bracknell	11	1	3	7	5	16	6
Chelmsford	11	1	2	8	10	29	5

FIRST DIVISION: Saturday: Bradford 1 Wimbledon 2; Doncaster 2 Blueharts 0, Exmouth 0 Canterbury 0; Trojans 3 Ealing 1. Yesterday: Trojans 3 Doncaster 1. Second division: Pickwick 0 Olton 5, St Albans 1 Blackburn 1, Loughborough Students 2 Woking 1; Sherwood 2 Bedans 1

WEST LEAGUE: Bournemouth 4 Lansdown 1; Clifton II 4 Leominster 0; Gloucester 0 East Glos 3; St Austell 3 Cheltenham 3; Wimborne W 2 Redland 4, Yate 2 Western 1. Postponed: Colwall v Exeter.

NORTH LEAGUE: Chester 1 Crosby 2; Liverpool 2 Ormskirk Ford 1; Newcastle 4 Don Valley 2, Poynton 2 York 0.

EAST LEAGUE: Cambridge City 1 Saracens 2; Harleston M 2 Redbridge 0; Sevenoaks 0 Old Loughtonians 0, WGC 2 Bexleyheath 1.

MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Crimson R 2 Wolverhampton 0; Tamworth 2 Peveril 1. Postponed: Aldridge v Hampton, Kettering v Belper.

SOUTH LEAGUE: Dulwich 2 Worthing 0 City of Portsmouth 0 West Witney 4 Havant 1 Ealing B 1 Reading 1 Guildford 0 Southampton 4 Hendon 0 Winchester 1 Winchmore Hill 1.

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SCHOOLS SPORT

Athletics

STONELEIGH: TSB English cross country championships: Senior boys: 1, W Levett (Shropshire), 27min 38sec; 2, K Holland (Sussex), 28:18; 3, A Moses (Surrey), 28.21; 4, Y Yusuf (Surrey), 28.48. Team: 1, Surrey, 149pts; 2, Northumberland, 222; 3, Greater Manchester, 231. Senior girls: 1, J Groves (Cheshire), 18:24; 2, V Robinson (Cheshire), 18:37. 3, A Connolly (N Yorkshire), 18:45. Team: 1, Cheshire, 105pts. 2, Lancashire, 288; 3, Derbyshire, 366

WAVERTREE: Liverpool Primary Schools Cross country championships: Large schools: Boys year five: 1, A Harris (Booker Avenue). 2, D Blythe (St Paul's RC). 3, S Siddell (Rudston). Team: 1, St Teresa's RC, 33pts, 2, Booker Avenue, 66; 3, All Saints RC, 63. Boys year six: 1, T Simmonds (Booker Avenue), 2, J Carey (Blessed Sacrament RC) 3, J Jones (Sudley). Team: 1, Booker Avenue, 21pts; 2, All Saints RC, 60, 3, St Paul's RC, 72. Girls year five: 1, C Harris (Booker Avenue). 2, K Ainsworth (Booker Avenue). 3, C Bullock (Sudley). Team: 1, Sudley, 42pts, 2, St Teresa's, 55, 3, Booker Avenue, 56. Girls year six: 1, C O'Brien (St Teresa's RC). 2, L Pritchard (St Christophers RC). 3, B Devars (St Christopher's RC). Team: 1, St Christophers, 24pts, 2, Sudley, 52, 3, St Paul's RC, 53. Small schools: Boys year five: 1, K Rigby (Newsham), 2, A Griffiths (Norman Pannell). 3, S Beattie (Northcote). Team: 1, Norman Pannell, 50pts, 2, St Austin's RC, 66, 3, Northcote, 70. Boys year six: 1, N Sinor (Corinthian), 2, D Bedson (St Sebastian's RC), 3, I Scott (Corinthian). Team: 1, Corinthian, 40pts; 2, St Sebastian's RC, 42, 3, Colwell, 51. Girls year five: 1, C Higham (Barlows); 2, C Goldingay (St Mary's), 3, K Rollinson (St Anne's RC). Team: 1, Barlows, 33pts; 2, St Sebastian's, 51, 3, Norman Pannell, 65. Girls year six: 1, D Karis (Newsham), 2, G Kennedy (Newsham), 3, S Mahoney (St Sebastian's RC). Team: 1, Newsham, 37pts; 2, St Sebastian's, 47; 3, Barlows, 76

Hockey

Bradfield 4 Pangbourne 2
Charterhouse 5 Hurstpierpoint 0
Dean Close 6 St Edward's, Oxford 0
Felsted 5 Perse 4
St George's, Weybridge 2 Seaford 0
Taunton 0 Colston's 2
Trinity, Croydon 2 King's, Rochester 1

Football

London Cup
Sussex 0 Kent 0

Sussex Shield
Worthing 1 Mid Sussex 0
Brighton 2 Ouse Valley 2

Surrey Black Cup
Croydon 4 Woking 1

Kent Cup: Semi-finals
Bexley 4 Gravesham 1
Medway 3 Dartford 1

Kent Daniels Plate: Semi-finals
Maidstone 2 Dover 1
Ashford 2 Orpington 1

Southern League
Vale of White Horse 7 Mid Oxon 0

Lester Finch Trophy
Hackney 2 Islington 2

Essex Johnson Cup: Under-15
Newham 2 Waltham Forest 1

Essex Finch Shield: Under-11
Newham 1 Waltham Forest 1

Middlesex Batchelor Cup
Brent 4 Harrow 1

Woodward Cup
Wirral 1 Bury 2

Inter Association
Doncaster 2 Leeds 3

Skiing

TARVISIO, Italy: World schools championship: Team winners: Alpine: Girls I: France. Girls II: Germany. Boys I: France. Boys II: Sweden. Nordic: Girls I: Slovakia. Girls II: Germany. Boys I: Slovakia. Boys II: Germany. Best English performances: Alpine: Girls I: fifth individual (English) Alpine: Girls I: Slalom I: 6, C Alcott (Surbiton HS): 13, E Tomney (Abbot's Hill). Slalom II: 11, Alcott. Giant slalom: 11, Alcott. Boys I: Slalom II: 6, S Brown (Torquay Boys GS). Boys II: Slalom I: 7, D Crouch (Trinity Sch, Croydon), 10, P-A Cairns (Blessed Robert Johnson Coll, Telford). Slalom II: 7, Cairns. Giant slalom I: 13, Crouch. Giant slalom II: 13, Crouch.

Judo

British Schools Association national area team championships: Boys: Junior Light: 1, Essex, 2, London, 3, Surrey and Devon. Junior heavy: 1, Devon. Inter light: 1, Kent; 2, London; 3, Surrey and Devon. Inter heavy: 1, London, 2, East Sussex, 3, Devon and Kent. Senior: 1, London, 2, Essex; 3, West Sussex. Girls: Junior light: 1, Essex, 2, East Sussex, 3, Surrey and Kent. Junior heavy: 1, Essex, 2, West Sussex, 3, Surrey and East Sussex. Inter light: 1, Essex, 2, Surrey, 3, Kent and Devon. Inter heavy: 1, Surrey; 2, Kent; 3, Dorset and Devon. Senior: 1, Kent; 2, East Sussex, 3, West Sussex and Surrey. Senior individual winners: Boys: Under-60 kilos: D Lucas (Surrey). Under-65: S Jarvis (Cornwall). Under-71: D Coates (Codsall Hall). Under-78: M Woolman (Kent). Over-78: J Goldie (Earnock High). Girls: Under-48 kilos: S Burkett (Kent). Under-52: J Inwood (Edmonton). Under-56: S Wilce (Essex). Under-61: D Read (King Charles). Over-61: R Wilding (Brooklands). Awards: Most wins: Boys: S Jarvis. Girls: R Wilding. Spirit of Judo: Boys: R Onwuka (London). Girls: J Novis (East Sussex)

GUIDE TO THE WEEK'S MAIN FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket match

FA Carling Premiership
Aston Villa v Coventry (Sky, 8.0)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton v Bromley. Third division: East Thurrock v Collier Row.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford v Sittingbourne (7.45)

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Brook House v Croydon.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Brierley Hill v Halesowen Harr

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea v Oxford United (at Kingstonian, 7.0); Crystal Palace v Portsmouth (at Wimbledon, 2.0), Millwall v Swindon (2.0), Watford v Wimbledon (2.0). Second division: Hereford v Birmingham (7.0)

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Stoke v Leeds (7.0). Second division: Burnley v Newcastle (7.15)

SURREY SENIOR CUP: Whyteleafe v Sutton United.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: Cup: Quarter-final, second leg: AFC Lymington v Fleet.

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League
Second division
Maesteg v South Wales Police (7.15)

Tour match
Treorchy v Northern Transvaal (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Commonwealth flyweight championship: Francis Ampofo (Bethnal Green, holder) v Daniel Ward (SA) (Grosvenor House Hotel, London)

BOWLS: English women's national championships (Northampton)

RACING: Doncaster (2.0), Edinburgh (2.10), Windsor (2.20).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: *Wimbledon v Manchester United (7.45).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Burnley (7.45); Bristol City v Charlton (7.45), Grimsby v Derby (7.45), Luton v Port Vale (7.45); Middlesbrough v Watford (7.45); Oldham v Southend (7.45). Sheffield United v Tranmere (7.45). Second division: Blackpool v Crewe; Chester v Hull, Leyton Orient v Brighton (7.45), Oxford United v Huddersfield (7.45); Peterborough v Shrewsbury (7.45); Plymouth v Birmingham (7.45). Rotherham v Cambridge United, Stockport v Bristol Rovers; Swansea v Cardiff, Wrexham v Brentford. Wycombe v Bradford (7.45); York v Bournemouth. Third division: Gillingham v Colchester (7.45), Mansfield v Rochdale. Northampton v Bury (7.45); Torquay v Scarborough; Walsall v Hartlepool (7.45)

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Halifax v Macclesfield (7.45). Postponed: Bath v Merthyr

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Partick v Dundee United. Third division: East Stirling v Albion, Forfar v Montrose

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Blaina v Cross Keys (7.0); Tiverton v Exeter (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford v Cambridge (at London Welsh, 3.30)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: English women's national championships (Northampton)

RACING: Leicester (2.20), Sedgefield (2.0)

SKATING: World championships (BBC, NEC, Birmingham)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn Rovers v Arsenal (7.45), Manchester City v Chelsea (7.45), Newcastle United v West Ham United (7.45), Norwich v Sheffield Wednesday (7.45). *Nottingham Forest v Everton. Queens Park Rangers v Leicester City (7.45). Tottenham Hotspur v Ipswich (7.45)

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division. Millwall v Reading (7.45), Portsmouth v West Bromwich (7.45). Wolverhampton v Sunderland (7.45)

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: East Midlands v Barbarians (at Northampton, 3.0); England Emerging Players v Northern Transvaal (at Bristol)

CLUB MATCHES: Lydney v Army (7.0), Oxford University v Oxfordshire (7.15), Rosslyn Park v Royal Navy; Weston-super-Mare v Bristol University

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Leicester v Worthing (8.0). Doncaster v Sunderland (9.0)

BOWLS: English women's national championships (Northampton)

RACING: Catterick (2.0), Folkestone (1.50), Wolverhampton (AW, 2.10).

SKATING: World championships (BBC, NEC, Birmingham)

THURSDAY

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Derby v Manchester (8.0), London v Birmingham (8.0)

BOWLS: English women's national championships (Northampton)

RACING: Carlisle (2.10), Towcester (2.20). Wincanton (2.0)

SKATING: World championships. (BBC, NEC, Birmingham).

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Fifth round: Celtic v Kilmarnock.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: English women's national championships (Northampton)

RACING: Ayr (1.50), Market Rasen (1.40), Sandown Park (2.0)

SKATING: World championships (BBC, NEC, Birmingham)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA CUP: Sixth round: *Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur; *Crystal Palace v Wolverhampton Wanderers

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea v Leeds; Coventry v Blackburn; *Leicester v Nottingham Forest, Sheffield Wednesday v Wimbledon, West Ham v Norwich.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: *Bolton v Middlesbrough, Burnley v Oldham, Charlton v Portsmouth, Derby v Millwall. Notts County v Sheffield United, Port Vale v Bristol City. Reading v Barnsley, Southend v Luton, Sunderland v Stoke, Tranmere v Grimsby, Watford v Swindon. Second division: Birmingham v Swansea. Bournemouth v Rotherham, Bradford v Plymouth, Brentford v Stockport, Brighton v Wrexham. Bristol Rovers v Wycombe. Cambridge United v Oxford United. Cardiff v York. Crewe v Peterborough, Huddersfield v Chester. Hull v Leyton Orient, Shrewsbury v Blackpool. Third division: Doncaster v Barnet, Exeter v Carlisle. Hartlepool v Colchester, Mansfield v Lincoln, Preston v Fulham, Rochdale v Northampton, Scarborough v Gillingham, Scunthorpe v Bury. Torquay v Darlington, Walsall v Chesterfield. Wigan v Hereford

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bromsgrove v Dagenham and Red, Dover v Stafford, Farnborough v Bath. Gateshead v Kidderminster, Kettering v Halifax. Macclesfield v Northwich, Merthyr v Telford. Runcorn v Yeovil, Southport v Welling. Stalybridge v Altrincham, Woking v Stevenage

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Partick v Aberdeen, Rangers v Falkirk. Second division: Clyde v Brechin. Meadowbank v East Fife. Queen Of South v Greenock Morton. Stirling v Berwick. Third division: Arbroath v East Stirling, Cowdenbeath v Forfar, Montrose v Caledonian Thistle. Queen's Park v Alloa, Ross County v Albion

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Fifth round: Raith v Airdrie. Stenhousemuir v Hibernian

RUGBY UNION

CIS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Northumbria v Gloucestershire. Warwickshire v Berkshire

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Abertillery v Cardiff. Bridgend v Swansea. Dunvant v Pontypool. Newbridge v Treorchy. Newport v Llanelli, Pontypridd v Neath

MCEWAN'S LEAGUE: First division: Boroughmuir v Hawick. Dundee HSFP v Watsonians, Gala v Currie. Heriots FP v Stirling County. Jed-Forest v Melrose. Stewart's-Melville FP v Glasgow HK. West of Scotland v Edinburgh Acads

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Quarter-final: Widnes v Wigan (BBC1, 3.0)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: English cross-country championships (Luton)

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Birmingham v Thames Valley (8.0). Leicester v Leopards (7.30). London v Chester (8.0). Manchester v Doncaster (7.30), Sunderland v Hemel (7.30). Worthing v Derby (8.0)

BOWLS: English women's national championships (Northampton).

RACING: Chepstow (BBC 1.0), Sandown Park (C4 1.55), Ayr (1.45), Southwell (1.40)

SKATING: World championships (BBC, NEC, Birmingham)

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CHALLENGE CUP: Sixth round: *Everton v Newcastle, *Manchester United v Queens Park Rangers (1.0)

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Fifth round: Hearts v Dundee United.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Quarter-finals: Leeds v Workington Town (3.0). Oldham v Huddersfield (3.0). Whitehaven v Featherstone Rovers (3.0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Chester v Sunderland (6.0). Doncaster v Thames Valley (5.30). Leopards v Birmingham (5.0), Sheffield v Worthing (6.15)

SKATING: World championships (NEC, Birmingham)

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John Goodbody follows the final steps to a marathon — and **Marianne Curphey** goes surfing

The last lap to the marathon

SPORT FOR ALL

Motivation is the driving force in running a marathon. It is why people are prepared to train with unyielding diligence in all weathers and in all conditions for months and often years, and it is what keeps them going to produce the best possible performance during the race.

For Mike Gratton, winner of the London Marathon in 1983 and now aged 40, the ambition for 1995 is to beat the British veterans' record of *2hr 15min* 46sec set by Ron Hill.

For Karen Hare, a former breast cancer patient, it is a personal challenge and a way of raising money for the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

For thousands of competi*tors in the* NutraSweet London Marathon on April 2, the last four weeks of training are the most important period of preparation. The month's running has to be tapered carefully to bring the runner to the start at Greenwich in the best *possible condition.*

Few people are more knowledgeable than Gratton, who is not only one of Britain's most celebrated runners of recent years but also organises *tours from his* Canterbury office to training camps and international marathons. On March 16, he will lead 140 people to Portugal for training and he hopes to take 300 runners to the New York Marathon in the autumn.

He says: "It is a mistake to taper down too quickly but, on the other hand, if you race a half-marathon in the last few weeks you should reduce the intensity of the effort."

In the last week before a marathon, he recommends a *run of between 60 and 90* minutes on the *Sunday* and *then normal training on the* Monday and Tuesday. Three days of rest follow. However, on the Saturday "a couple of miles will not do any damage and it is nice to know your legs *still work*".

During the last few days, as they reduce their mileage, many runners will find they will hunger to train. Gratton recommends that during this period they should increase the amount of carbohydrate they eat, while at the same time drinking plenty of water. "However, keep your lifestyle as near to normal as possible."

On the day before the marathon, he does not believe competitors should spend a long time at the exhibition of running equipment at Olympia. "It will only tire you out and make you stiff. Eat your pasta meal at lunchtime and do not overeat in the evening.

"You should wear the kit in the race that you have already used for a long run. Shoes and shorts may not rub during a five-mile run but may chafe you in a run over 20 miles."

In addition, as Chris Brasher, the founder of the race, puts it: "Put vaseline on any part of the body that moves." Spread grease on your toes, between your thighs and under your armpits.

Breakfast should be light: avoid tea and coffee and drink half-a-pint of water in the last ten minutes before the race starts. Run a steady pace and be conservative in your ambitions. There is plenty of time later in the race to increase your pace.

Hare, aged 27, who works for Caremark, a health service, had a lumpectomy and six weeks of radiotherapy last year. She was inspired by watching the 1994 race, in which her brother Dave competed.

She has had a varied background in physical activity. She began training last July but has been hampered by a series of illnesses. "At some stages it has been like taking two *steps* forward, only to go one step back."

However, accompanied by her brother, she has persevered. "After all the publicity, I have to do it now. There is no getting away from it."

For Hare, and for thousands like her, April 2 will be her own private challenge, experienced and endured in the full gaze of thousands of spectators and hundreds of millions of television viewers in 100 countries across the world.

● The Times *will be the only newspaper to be printing all the results of the 1995 NutraSweet London Marathon in the week after the race.*

SIXTH MONTH OF TRAINING

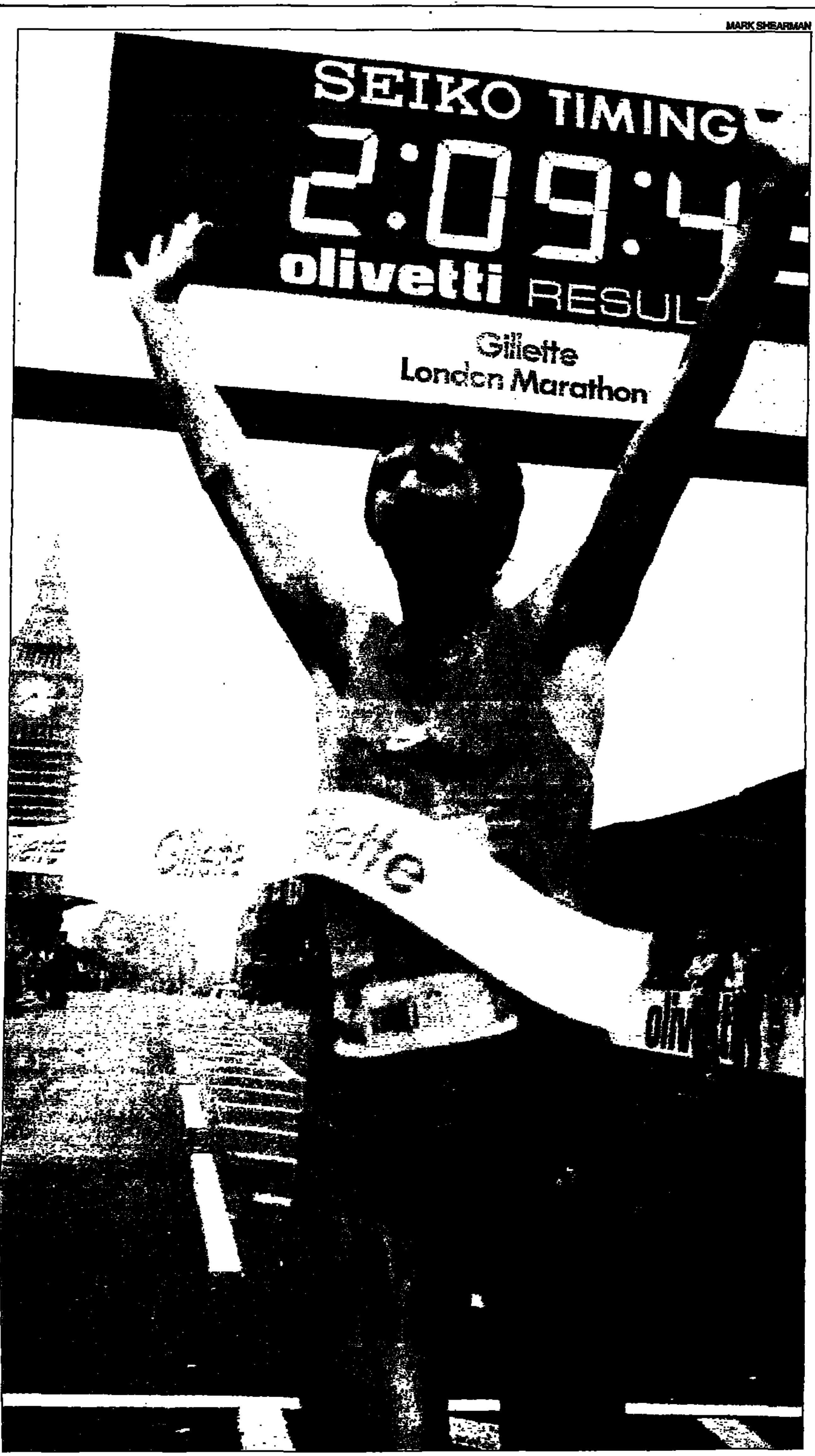
Week one: one 50-minute run; two 60-minute runs; one 90-minute run; one 50-minute fartlek session, including three times 10-minute fast running; one 160-minute run (or half-marathon race); rest day.

Week two: one 50-minute run; two 60-minute runs; one 90-minute run; one 50-minute fartlek session; one 120-minute run; one rest day.

Week three: one 50-minute run; three 60-minute runs; one 50-minute fartlek session (either including hills or three times 10-minute fast running); one 80-minute run; one rest day.

Week four: Monday, 60-minute run. Tuesday, 60-minute run. Wednesday, rest. Thursday, rest. Friday, rest. Saturday, gentle 20-minute jog. Sunday, London Marathon.

MARK SHEARMAN



Mike Gratton, winning the London Marathon in 1983 — his ambition for 1995 is to beat the British veterans' record

TONY WHITE

Training for the big day in London — Mike Gratton and Karen Hare

Wiped out by board games

Clad head-to-toe in thick black rubber, striding barefoot into a grey, swirling sea, my first attempt at surfing was anything but glamorous. Waves which had seemed small from the shore now threated to break over my head. The undertow unbalanced me and knocked me off my feet.

Struggling with a huge foam beginner's board, my feet and hands were numb after ten minutes in the icy water. But then the rush happened. I'd paddled out, swung the board round to catch a wave heading towards me, just as my instructor had taught me. Then, still lying on my stomach, I felt a sudden acceleration as the water surged under my board and propelled me at great speed *towards the shore. Not real* surfing at all, of course, but exciting enough to make me battle once more through the swell for another attempt.

Learning the basics takes about two days. Standing up on a board for any length of time takes months, and riding the waves effectively can take years' of practice.

I began in Wales at the end of the summer, when the temperature of the sea was at an annual high but still cold enough to give me a headache when it hit me in the face. Expert surfers prefer the winter, when storms in the Atlantic whip up the water and send huge waves heading inland. Known as "groundswell" they travel for hundreds of miles before hitting the shore.

Though novices practise in the white water, where the waves have already peaked, real surfers paddle out to the green water and rest on their pointed boards, waiting for the "ultimate wave".

Our instructor for the weekend, at the West Wales Windsurfing and Sailing Centre in Dale, near Haverfordwest, taught us the rudiments of waves — how and why they break, the ones to ride and the "dumpers" to avoid, (so called because *they crash on to the* shore, dumping you and your board in a heap).

We learnt about "rips" — currents which drag you out to sea like driftwood but which surfers can use to carry them out to green water with minimum of effort.

Then it was off to the beach, where we donned wetsuits, and practised "catching" waves by swinging the board round to face the shore, paddling furiously with arms and legs, and trying to match the speed of the water surging up behind us. The board is tethered to your ankle by a leash, which stops it getting swept away.

We quickly learnt two other new terms: "wipe-out" and "getting trashed". Both describe the sensation of being pitched off your board as the wave crashes on to the shore.

In the afternoon we were taken to the water's edge and shown how to jump up to a standing position on the board. It looks simple but requires agility and strength.

Supporting your body weight with your arms, you swing your knees between your arms and twist your body sideways. We practised on land, jumping up on boards wedged into the sand, feeling foolish.

Seeking the ultimate wave

Out in the water, I made lots of new mistakes, including "pearl-diving" — landing too far forward on the board and being pitched head-over-heels, and by the end of the day, I still wasn't standing up.

Next morning, my whole body ached as muscles I rarely used had stiffened. After lunch it started to rain. I was so soaked already, it didn't matter, and with just 30 minutes to go before we were to leave, I made a final effort.

I picked my wave, paddled like mad, felt the board lift and accelerate, and gritting my teeth, swung my body forwards. For three seconds I was crouching, wobbling on my feet, and then I slid off, my board hitting my head.

But those few seconds had been enough. I was hooked. Come the spring I'll be there, looking for the ultimate wave.

● *West Wales Windsurfing and Sailing, Dale, nr Haverfordwest (0646 636642).*

Beef and Lamb dish out little to chew over

Simon Wilde tucks in with two former England internationals but finds the course of cricketing banter decidedly on the lean side

The famous are apt to say that life would be bearable if only *they did not* have to put up with the dreadful trappings of their celebrity status. Who, they say, needs the cameras, the crowds, the social cachet? Even, one or two will add, the cash? *They* do, that's who.

Remove those trappings and then see what the once-famous do. Often, after a brief period in obscurity, they are back: retired actors become politicians, retired politicians become radio or television presenters, *retired* sportsmen become actors. Almost all become social and environmental campaigners. The list of after-lives is endless.

A new favourite is the sportsman-turned-touring-speaker. The stages of theatres and town halls the length and breadth of Britain are filled night after night with the bar-stool banter of heroes whose hairlines and waistlines have ebbed and overflowed with the tides of time. George Best and Denis Law, Tommy Docherty and Malcolm Allison. Ian Botham and Allan Lamb ... they are all at it.

The attraction is obvious. For less than the price of admission to a Premiership fixture or Test match, members of the audience are placed on a more intimate basis with the performers than at either. Not only is there physical proximity, great play is also made of the fact that, during *the question-and-answer* sessions, no holds will be barred.

These are largely male, drinking occasions. At Sheffield City Hall on Saturday, for "Beef and Lamb in a Stew", there were few trimmings, just a large lounge into which everyone piled before the show and during the interval. When a buzzer sounded, drinks were hurriedly finished. Botham had clearly not lost his ability to empty bars.

The entertainment began with a half-hour film about the public and private lives of Lamb and Botham. They fished, talked about going to the pub, played cricket, although never before 1989. There was no BBC footage, it was Sky Sports all the way.

After that, Botham and Lamb came on to the stage, *looking in pretty good shape.* Botham retired less than two years ago and Lamb is still playing county cricket. The first thing Botham did was adjust his eyes to the lights and sweep the horizon to see what sort of crowd he had commanded. There were five or six hundred of us, which seemed to satisfy him. What sort of innings would he play?

Well, sadly, it turned out to be a Sunday league slog. The questions were submitted on slips of paper and examined by a compère, who tossed *them up for Botham and* Lamb to hit. There was thus no chance of Botham being delivered an unplayable yorker about Miss Barbados.

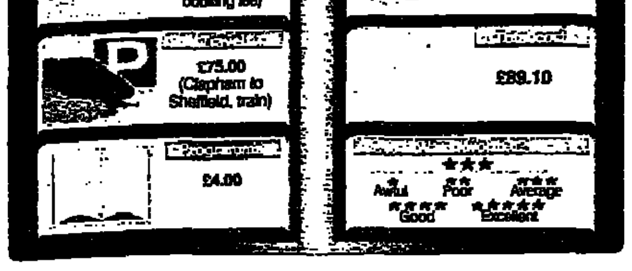
The questions were predictable, and so were the answers. Many of the anecdotes were familiar. Some bore repetition, others did not. Confirmation that the rift between Graham Gooch and David Gower was about a difference of character ("One has one, the other doesn't") was amusing but scarcely a revelation.

Another disappointment was the bottle that stood unopened on the table in front of our raconteurs. There were certainly many laddish references to drinking and condoms, much railing against the establishment, but this would have had more *frisson* without the suspicion that, in another town *hall*, at the same time, Best and Law, or Docherty and Allison, were toeing exactly the same rebellious line.

Even those deliveries that could have been played straight, Botham chose to hit for six. The audience wanted the truth about ball-tampering, about his most frightening moment, about who he would have in the England side this summer. But he took the easy option and went for the big-hit laughs. The only thing he was serious about was criticising the "system", but that is the one thing he could have been funny about because few people seriously believe Botham will ever be in charge of English cricket.

It was therefore necessary to decode a lot of Botham's material. Decoded, it said that he mistrusts many things foreign; that he *was* scared of Michael Holding in 1981; and that he does not really want to take charge of English cricket.

My question ("Do you miss playing for England?") was never asked. It did not need to be. Botham answered it, denying it emphatically. The thing was, he did so in reply to another question entirely.



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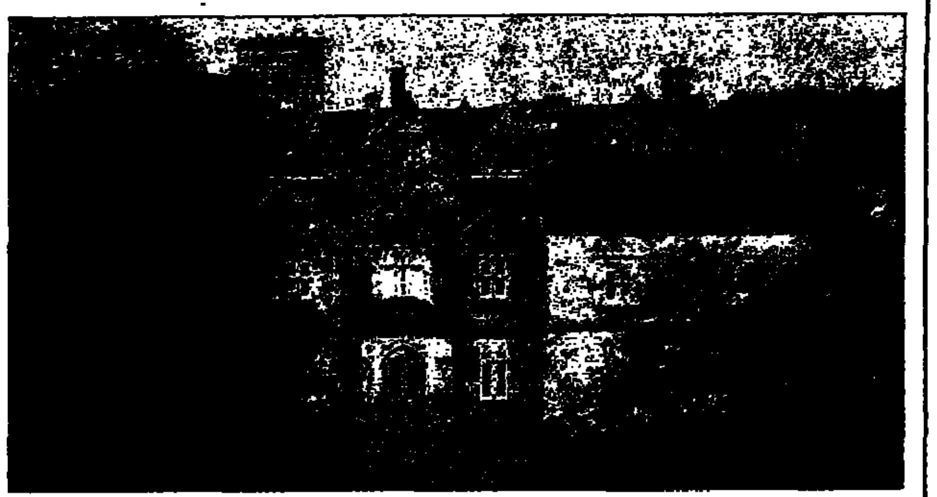

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Edwards in need of Cheltenham cure

Julian Muscat meets a trainer banking on Festival glory to arrest declining fortunes

Something had to finish second to Desert Orchid in that unforgettable Gold Cup of 1989. Anonymity for the beaten horse was never more assured then as the grey was feted every step of his way into the winner's enclosure. Desert Orchid's victory was implored by an expectant nation — with the exception of one man.

Standing alone, the eyes of John Edwards betrayed him as he considered Yahoo's defeat. The horse had put in a desperately slow jump at the final fence, and endless television replays confirmed that, on a kinder day, Edwards would have been celebrating hard into the night.

What happened next was quite extraordinary. Forty minutes later, his eyes still ablaze, Edwards saddled Dixton House, a 13-2 chance, to land the Ritz Club Chase.

And with his next runner, he dispatched Observer Corps to collect the Cathcart, this time at 66-1. In defying the odds, it was as if Edwards had infused in his horses his own, raw desire.

If the eyes indeed had it, their influence has dulled in the intervening years. Then, Edwards stood at the peak of his powers. His accumulating achievements made it impossible to conceive of the man we now see before us.

Overtaken by change and usurped by the younger tribe, it seemed that Edwards, one of life's heavy hitters, had himself fallen prey to the sucker punch.

Long since obsolete are the gentry who once patronised his yard. And he plainly failed to adapt to the racehorse owner's changing profile. However, this alone cannot account for the decline in his fortunes since that emotional afternoon at Cheltenham. At some stage, Edwards, 48, must have taken his eye clean off the ball.

It was, perhaps, a consequence of the break-up of his marriage: a calamitous period for any trainer, whose mind strays from horses only when he sleeps... and sometimes not even then. For racing is the preserve of fragile dreams. And in Monsieur Le Cure, his Gold Cup candidate, Edwards has no doubt that his are alive and kicking.

In many ways, Monsieur Le Cure's career has mirrored *that of his handler. The nine*-year-old's relentless progress matched his trainer's golden touch of the late 1980s. Yet with the summit in sight, Monsieur Le Cure appeared to falter when comprehensively routed at Haydock Park in January.

His Gold Cup aspirations duly suffered until the horse redeemed himself at Wincanton last month. That outing saw Monsieur Le Cure race with zest for the first time in months. It was a highly significant performance, for Edwards has consistently underplayed his horse in favour of peaking at Cheltenham.

"Cheltenham means everything to me. I have trained Monsieur Le Cure with the Gold Cup in mind from the start of the season," Edwards insisted. "Everything has gone to plan expect for that run at Haydock, which I still can't explain. Wincanton put us back on track and since then I have seen him come on exactly as I wanted. I'm very optimistic about the Gold Cup now."

Those inclined to dismiss such talk as cheap should first juxtapose the thoughts of Edwards over his record at the Cheltenham Festival. Ten of his 12 victories have been achieved over fences. More significantly, most of them have made an almost inconceivable improvement for racing at Prestbury Park.

In a nutshell, Edwards is a Cheltenham specialist. It is unwise and expensive to assess his runners at face value.

"You definitely have to save your horses for Cheltenham. The key is to have them fit but fresh. It's a question of getting the balance right, but the one thing you can't do is freshen up an over-raced horse. And mine is certainly not over-raced this season."

Therein lies the clue to Monsieur Le Cure's Gold Cup chance. We have to read between the lines, and we should start by recalling his destruction, 12 months ago, of the opposition in the Sun Alliance Chase. The certainty is that we have yet to see the best of this gross, stuffy animal, who loves nothing more than the rhythm of a remorseless gallop.

Edwards said: "It is important to remember that he takes a long time to come to himself. None of his five victories last season came before January. It has taken a bit longer this year but I have never lost confidence. It has all been coming together."

A Gold Cup victory would convert the Edwards stable, near Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, into a fashionable establishment once more. With his old-school approach, he has worked all his life for a horse like Monsieur Le Cure.

His record at Cheltenham speaks volumes, but the task confronting him is his biggest test yet. Edwards's career now hinges on one horse. He has to prove himself all over again.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Edwards and Monsieur Le Cure take time out to relax upstream as they prepare for the Tote Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Thursday week

Nap: DOMINIE
(4.05 Doncaster)
Next best: Lochnagrain
(2.30 Doncaster)

Richard Evans napped Charlie Bigtime (9-2) at Wolverhampton on Saturday. Our Newmarket Correspondent napped Dune River (11-4) at Lingfield and Private Handicapper (Gerald Hubbard) top-rated the Doncaster winner Go Ballistic (2-1).

Irish hopes please in workouts

DANOLI and Fortune And Fame completed their public build-up for the *Smurfit Champion Hurdle* when pleasing connections in separate schooling sessions before racing at Leopardstown yesterday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Travelling 11 furlongs with a pacemaker, Danoli delighted his jockey, Charlie Swan, and trainer, Tom Foley, when handling fluently to finish two lengths ahead of his lead horse without being asked a serious question.

Danoli, now recovered from a virus, was reappearing on a racecourse for the first time since his disappointing run at the Dublin track late last year. Foley said: "Danoli is ready for Cheltenham. One more spin up the all-weather gallop at Jim Bolger's and we are on the plane *next Sunday morning.*" Rob Hartnett of Corals immediately cut Danoli to 4-1 from 9-2.

Mark Dwyer took his time on Fortune And Fame, accompanied by a lead horse and stable *companion Treble Bob, plus* Noel Furlong's pair, Destriero and The Illiad, as the quintet completed nearly two miles.

Dwyer produced the gelding with a smooth run in the straight before popping the last upsides Destriero and going to the line just in front of the fast-finishing Treble Bob. Weld said: "It was just a nice workout — exactly what was *required at this stage of the build-up.*" Hills cut Fortune And Fame from 11-2 to 5-1 while Corals went 6-1 from 7-1.

Results from Saturday's three meetings ... Page 32

EDINBURGH

THUNDERER
2.10 Can Can Charlie. 2.40 Beldine. 3.15 Aviator's Dream. 3.45 The Boiler White. 4.15 Pepitist. 4.45 Juke Box Billy. 5.15 Festive Lassie.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.15 Aviator's Dream.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 BIRTHDAY PARTY MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,068: 2m) (15 runners)

1 ACKLAM V Thompson 5-11-5 Mr M Thompson
2 CAN CAN CHARLIE 21F J Pearce 5-11-5 J McLaughlin
3 18-F COLOSSUS OF ROADS 149 (BF,G) T Thomson Jones 5-11-5 D Gallagher
4 4380 KNUCKLEBUSTER 16 R Fahey 5-11-5 L Wyer
5 00 NORTHERN BLUFF 16 (B) J J O'Neill 5-11-5 N Doughty
6 00 PREMIER FIRST 16 J Hellens 6-11-5 A Larnach (5)
7 02 SUPERTOP 7 L Lungo 7-11-5 T Reed
8 54 DOUBLING DICE 144 R Allan 4-10-11 B Storey
9 IN A MOMENT 21F T Barron 4-10-11 A Procter (5)
10 JUST SUPPOSEN B Rothwell 4-10-11 J Supple (5)
11 0 LYPHARD'S FABLE 65 T George 4-10-11 D Bentley
12 MR TOWSER 21F W Haigh 4-10-11 K Davies
13 523 UP IN FLAMES 23 M Hammond 4-10-11 J Callaghan
14 POMORIE 215F J Payne 4-10-6 J Ryan
15 P. TANCRED MISCHIEF 191 W Barker 4-10-6 A Thornton

6-4 Supertop, 4-1 Knucklebuster, Colossus Of Roads, 7-1 others.

2.40 MUSSELBURGH SPECIALIST HANDICAP CHASE (£2,671: 2m) (6)

1 3223 SHREWD JOHN 70 (D,BF,G) R Woodhouse 9-12-0 D Gallagher
2 1132 POSITIVE ACTION 27 (D,F,G,S) M Barnes 9-12-0 T Reed
3 2282 BELDINE 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Monteith 10-11-10 T Jenks
4 3423 SENGULL HOLLOW 30 (D,G,S) M H Easterby 6-11-8 L Wyer
5 41F4 GOLDEN ISLE 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Barclay 11-11-3 B Storey
6 -PU GENIE SPIRIT 16 T George 6-10-0 D Bentley

9-4 Sengull Hollow, 11-4 Positive Action, 4-1 Beldine, 9-2 Shrewd John, 5-1 Golden Isle, 20-1 Genie Spirit.

3.15 AUCHENGRAY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(£1,963: 2m 4f) (14)

1 6540 ARITAM 32 T Craig 6-11-4 T Reed
2 6- AVIATOR'S DREAM 8F J Pearce 5-11-4 J McLaughlin
3 0005 FERRERS 21 (B) D McCain 5-11-4 D McCain (5)
4 000P HARBOLD LAD 23 R McKellar 5-11-4 R Hodge
5 -0P6 KEEP BATTLING 14 J Goldie 5-11-4 F Perratt (5)
6 0000 ROYAL RANK 52 D Alder 5-11-4 K Johnson
7 04F3 STONEY BROOK 14 C Parker 7-11-4 Mr D Parker (5)
8 0866 AMERIGUE 14 D Williams 5-10-13 B Harding (5)
9 0-00 BLUEBELL TRACK 90 V Thompson 9-10-13 Mr M Thompson
10 6-6P HARRY'S MIDGET 45 Mrs A Hamilton 5-10-13 J K McCarthy (7)
11 /F HEATHER RUN 32 J Birkett 7-10-13 M Moloney
12 /8P- PREAMBLE 317 S Chadwick 6-10-13 Mr S Brisby
13 -4P0 SABEEL 26 T George 5-10-13 D Bentley
14 00-0 YOUNG ANAGLOG 5 B Rothwell 5-10-13 J Supple (5)

5-2 Stoney Brook, 4-1 Young Anaglog, 5-1 Aviator's Dream, 7-1 Amerigue, 8-1 Sabeel, 10-1 Keep Battling, 12-1 Royal Rank, 14-1 others.

3.45 ANDERSON STRATHERN NOVICES CHASE
(£2,775: 3m) (10)

1 0901 THE BOILER WHITE 10 (F,S) T Thomson Jones 7-11-9 D Meade
2 54F5 FORWARD GLEN 68 (F) P Cheesbrough 8-11-3 A Thornton
3 U-2 GARCALL 32 (G) D Williams 8-11-3 N Doughty
4 040F KELPIE THE CELT 14 Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-3 R Murphy (7)
5 2332 LEADING PROSPECT 9 (G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-11-3 B Storey
6 P640 RIVER BEE 27 W Reed 6-11-3 T Reed
7 /0- VESTAL HILLS 410 (G) D McCune 9-11-3 K Johnson
8 -04U SKI LADY 45 J Charlton 7-10-12 M Moloney
9 8408 ASTRAC TRIO 9 (G) P Monteith 5-10-7 T Jenks
10 000 PHARARE 45 R Woodhouse 5-10-7 D Gallagher

6-4 The Boiler White, 2-1 Leading Prospect, 6-1 Forward Glen, 10-1 others.

4.15 BROUGHTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,169: 2m 4f) (6)

1 3253 DANCING RIVER 100 (F,G,S) N Chamberlain 9-12-0 T Reed
2 1/64 IMHOTEP 9 (F,G) W Cunningham 8-11-4 W Fry (7)
3 434/ AL FROLIC 1195 (C,F,G) W Kemp 8-10-4 S McDougall
4 3-P0 BAJAN AFFAIR 28 (G) Miss L Siddall 5-10-1 A Thornton
5 454 PEPITIST 16 M Hammond 4-10-0 D Bentley
6 000- MAGIC BLOOM 303 (F,G) J Jefferson 9-10-0 L Wyer

7-4 Pepitist, 3-1 Imhotep, 4-1 Dancing River, 6-1 Magic Bloom, 8-1 Al Frolic, Bajan Affair.

4.45 LOTHIAN RACING SYNDICATE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,762: 2m 4f) (8)

1 1032 TIMANFAYA 9 (CD,F,G) W Reed 8-11-12 T Reed
2 2P41 TRIBAL RULER 14 (C,F,G,S) D McCain 10-11-7. D McCain (5)
3 6425 BLAZING DAWN 79 (D,G,S) V Thompson 8-11-5 Mr M Thompson
4 00-4 MIAMI BEAR 9 (D,G) R Fahey 9-11-5 J Callaghan
5 0421 INTEGRITY BOY 9 (B,CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-11-3 L Wyer
6 -262 HIGHLAND RALLY 7 M Avison 8-10-13 B Storey
7 2303 BISHOPDALE 14 (CD,F,G,S) S Chadwick 14-10-13 K Johnson
8 3542 JUKE BOX BILLY 14 (F) J Johnson 7-10-12 N Doughty

5-2 Integrity Boy, 7-2 Juke Box Billy, 9-2 Highland Rally, Timanfaya, 6-1 Tribal Ruler, 8-1 Miami Bear, 12-1 others.

5.15 LEVY BOARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,214: 2m) (15)

1 21 TOM BRODIE 34 (S) J Johnson 5-11-9 D Gallagher
2 BLOND MOSS J Hellens 5-11-2 A Larnach (3)
3 LORD FORTUNE M Hammond 5-11-2 D Bentley
4 U PAINT YOUR WAGON 44 N Chamberlain 5-11-2 Miss C Metcalfe (7)
5 PROFESSOR PAGE T Thomson Jones 5-11-2 Mr D Parker (5)
6 CALLED TO ACCOUNT Mrs S Taylor 5-10-11 A Thornton
7 0 MISS LAMPLIGHT 87 M H Easterby 5-10-11 L Wyer
8 BROTHER BARNABAS C Thornton 4-10-6 Mark Roberts (7)
9 DANCER DICKINS T Carr 4-10-6 Mr A Manners (7)
10 KINGS MASQUERADE J Jefferson 4-10-6 R Davis
11 0 MOMENT OF JUSTICE 37 L Lungo 4-10-6 T Reed
12 3 PLANNING GAIN 34 L Lungo 4-10-6 F Perratt (5)
13 TARO CARD R Woodhouse 4-10-6 N Doughty
14 EARLY SUNRISE R McDonald 4-10-3 R Hodge
15 22 FESTIVE LASSIE 9 T Tinkler 4-10-3 A Procter (5)

3-1 Tom Brodie, 7-2 Festive Lassie, 5-1 Brother Barnabas, 7-1 Kings Masquerade, 8-1 Miss Lamplight, Lord Fortune, 10-1 Planning Gain, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Pearce, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; N Tinkler, 9 from 28, 32.1%; J Jefferson, 4 from 16, 25.0%; C Parker, 9 from 31, 29.1%; J J O'Neill, 7 from 32, 21.9%; C Thornton, 4 from 18, 22.2%.

JOCKEYS: J McLaughlin, 3 winners from 3 rides, 100.0%; D Gallagher, 4 from 9, 44.4%; Mr D Parker, 4 from 20, 20.0%; T Jenks, 3 from 16, 18.8%; B Storey, 19 from 127, 15.0%; R Hodge, 4 from 29, 13.8%.

Heavy rain claims Bangor meeting

THE meeting at Bangor tomorrow has been abandoned. Heavy rain and snow showers over the last two days left the course waterlogged. However, Windsor's fixture this afternoon was cleared after the track had passed a morning inspection yesterday. "It is wet but there are no further inspections planned unless the weather deteriorates," Hugo Bevan, the clerk of the course, said.

Saturday's meetings at Newbury and Warwick fell to waterlogging and a severe overnight frost respectively.

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TRAINERS

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M Pipe	87	71	42	3	-38.08
D Nicholson	77	46	28	1	+17.59
Mrs M Reveley	76	47	33	1	+2.00
P Hobbs	59	48	29	4	-29.50
N Twiston-Davies	56	53	45	4	-54.87
K Bailey	47	38	26	5	+36.18
J White	38	37	26	10	-12.21
J Gifford	39	25	19	8	-24.48
G Balding	33	21	22	3	+11.03
N Henderson	32	24	19	4	+36.22
D Sherwood	32	19	21	9	-39.80
Mrs J Pitman	32	21	23	3	+19.09

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
A Maguire	120	98	66	0	-97.66
R Dunwoody	117	81	65	1	-87.13
N Williamson	84	67	63	11	-23.42
J Osborne	79	57	49	1	-60.14
P Niven	75	51	38	1	+12.42
D Bridgwater	54	34	35	4	+32.37
W Marston	50	29	31	8	+30.81
M Dwyer	49	57	31	7	-49.96
A Dobbin	48	35	37	5	-92.02
A P McCoy	42	38	31	7	+28.49
M A Fitzgerald	41	55	58	1	-98.21
Peter Hobbs	37	42	18	6	-91.07

DONCASTER

THUNDERER
2.00 Firm Price. 2.30 Linton Rocks. 3.05 Konvekta Control. 3.35 Sheer Jest. 4.05 Who's The Best. 4.40 Montebel. 5.10 Tillyboy. 5.40 Storm North.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
2.30 LINTON ROCKS.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
4.05 RANZEL (nap).

Brian Beel: 3.35 Sheer Jest.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 SPROTBROUGH CLAIMING HURDLE
(£2,233: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

101 0435 WHITE DIAMOND 7 (F,S) Mrs A Swinbank 7-12-0 J Railton 83
102 30-2 FIRM PRICE 35 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 14-11-12 P Niven 95
103 42-0 EIGHTANDAHALF 9 Mrs V Aconley 6-11-10 A Maguire 73
104 4P-2 SAYYURE 17 (CD,F,G,S) J White 8-11-10 G McCourt [illegible]
105 4543 SECRET FOUR 17 (D,BF,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-10 Mr M Rimell (7) 96
106 -P83 SKITTLE ALLEY 10 (G,S) W Clay 9-11-10 Diane Clay 71
107 0/0- WESSEX WARRIOR 565 (F) J Eyre 9-11-10 O Pears —
108 1616 BOLD PURSUIT 9 (BF,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-8 E Callaghan (7) 78
109 600F RAWAAN 11 (C,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-11-8 Miss P Jones 81
110 0PY TRICYCLING 787 Mrs A Naughton 7-11-8 Richard Guest —
111 /3P VICTOR ROMEO 16 R Spicer 5-11-8 N Mann —
112 FPPF COCK SPARROW 75 (D,F,S) Miss L Shally 11-11-8 W Marston —
113 -F20 THARSIS 16 (D,F,G) W Smith 10-11-6 S Taylor (7) 73
114 -340 EMRAL MISS 16 G Ricards 7-11-3 A Dobbin 81
115 4443 FAR OUT 25 (D,F,S) D Brennan 9-11-2 S O'Donnell (7) 62
116 P/P THE VATMAN COMETH 21 J Upson 10-11-2 R Supple —
117 00 DROP THE DONKEY 32 N Bycroft 4-10-13 D Towler (7) —
118 3500 TRECENTO 9 J Mackie 4-10-7 T Eley (3) 81

3-1 Firm Price, 7-2 Sayyure, 5-1 Secret Four, 7-1 Skittle Alley, 8-1 Bold Pursuit, 10-1 Eightandahalf, 12-1 Rawaan, White Diamond, 16-1 others.

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,889: 2m 4f) (16)

201 -113 LINTON ROCKS 123 (D,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 6-11-10 G McCourt [illegible]
202 3212 LOCHNAGRAIN 31 (BF,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-5 P Niven 98
203 0-14 PONGO WARING 75 (G) Miss H Knight 6-11-5 R Farrant 94
204 40 CADRILLON 91 T Tate 5-11-0 R Garritty —
205 4405 COTTAGE CRAFT 28 W Bissill 6-11-0 A S Smith 85
206 -666 DISTANT ECHO 17 (F) D Arbuthnot 6-11-0 S McNeill 98
207 0462 DO RIGHTLY 16 M Bradstock 6-11-0 L Harvey 92
208 04-0 GREEN MILL 17 Mrs P Sly 5-11-0 R Marley —
209 42 JACK RUSSELL 102 N Henderson 6-11-0 M A Fitzgerald 87
210 0/P JET JOCKEY 52 R Spicer 6-11-0 N Mann —
211 -36U LE MEILLE 6 A Jarvis 6-11-0 Richard Guest —
212 D-50 POLAR RHAPSODY 79 (B) Miss H Knight 6-11-0 J Osborne —
213 8-P0 SEAHAWK RETRIEVER 9 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 M Dwyer —
214 04-4 SPEARHEAD AGAIN 123 S Christian 6-11-0 G Upton 82
215 0P LITTLE OASI 25 Mrs J Pitman 6-10-9 W Marston —
216 2244 RAISIN TURF 25 D Nicholson 6-10-9 A Maguire 94

11-4 Linton Rocks, 7-2 Lochnagrain, 5-1 Jack Russell, 6-1 Cottage Craft, 8-1 Do Rightly, 10-1 Pongo Waring, Polar Rhapsody, 12-1 Raisin Turf, 14-1 others.

3.05 WADWORTH NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,975: 2m 3f 110yd) (9)

301 F124 NEWLANDS-GENERAL 9 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-12-0 M Dwyer 94
302 3312 MAN OF THE GRANGE 80 (F,S) W Clay 9-11-1. D Bridgwater 94
303 3-22 THE BUD CLUB 104 (BF,G) K Bailey 7-10-12 S McNeill 94
304 116- KONVEKTA CONTROL 289 (B,F,S) D Sherwood 8-10-10 J Osborne —
305 2-66 STAGE PLAYER 9 (F,G) Miss S Wilton 9-10-7 T Eley (3) 96
306 11PU PRINCESS HOTPOT 9 (B,G) Miss H Knight 7-10-5 M Perrett 87
307 3FU2 MAGELLAN BAY 9 Mrs J Pitman 7-10-5 W Marston 96
308 0643 CAMBO 16 (B,G,S) M Banks 9-10-0 D Skyrme [illegible]
309 310F MASTER OF THE ROCK 9 (F,G,S) J Mackie 8-10-0 R Supple —

3-1 Magellan Bay, 7-2 Konvekta Control, 4-1 Newlands-General, 9-2 The Bud Club, 7-1 Princess Hotpot, 10-1 Man Of The Grange, Cambo, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Twiston-Davies, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 70, 22.9%; O Sherwood, 7 from 32, 21.9%; J Edwards, 3 from 15, 20.0%; D Nicholson, 9 from 47, 19.1%; N Tinkler, 7 from 38, 18.4%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 5 winners from 13 rides, 38.5%; M A Fitzgerald, 3 from 8, 37.5%; P Niven, 18 from 56, 32.1%; G McCourt, 9 from 43, 20.9%; A S Smith, 3 from 16, 18.8%; W Marston, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

Blinkered first time

DONCASTER: 2.30 Polar Rhapsody. 4.05 Dynamic Deluxe.
EDINBURGH: 2.10 Northern Bluff.

3.35 HAMBLETON HILLS HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,329: 2m 3f 110yd) (18 runners)

401 -P04 AIR COMMANDER 6 (CD,F,G) Mrs Joynes 10-12-8 S Joynes (7) 67
402 P4-U DARK DAWN 30 (D,F,G,S) Mrs Brown 11-12-8 Mrs J Brown (7) 91
403 -UR3 DEEP DAWN 23P (G) S Clark 12-12-8 Miss R Clark (7) 88
404 P0P4 GOOD TEAM 8P (G,S) J Clark 10-12-8 D Crossland (7) —
405 1P2- KILFINNY CROSS 293 (G,S) Miss C Saunders 7-12-8 J Greenall 81
406 11-55 SHEER JEST 16P (D,BF,F,G,S) W Warner 10-12-8 A Hill (3) 98
407 1/P1 MASTER ERYL 26 (C,S) M Sheppard 12-12-4 J M Pritchard (7) 93
408 4P-0 ACRE HILL 26 (F,G) R Maddy 11-12-0 J Henderson (7) 90
409 P55/ BRAZEN GOLD 646 (S) Sir John Barlow 9-12-0 D Barlow (7) —
410 S1/5- CAPTAIN MOR 502 (C,F,G,S) Mrs Hirst 13-12-0 G Hanmer (7) —
411 5P-5 DOXFORD HUT 29P (F) W McKeown 11-12-0 A Parker (7) 89
412 R-10 GOLDEN FREEZE 23P (D,G,S) Mrs Bowlby 13-12-0 C Morlock (7) [illegible]
413 /P-P HOLY AWL 16P (B,F,G) G Evans 10-12-0 M Harris (7) —
414 00P/ KILMOND WOOD 1056 (F) C Wilson 10-12-0 P Atkinson (7) —
415 2-4F LOUGHLINSTOWN BOY 16P J Riddell 10-12-0 A Robson (7) 87
416 11F- MR FUDGE 291 (G) M Sowersby 8-12-0 M Sowersby (7) 65
417 0P-0 RYTON RUN 6 (G) Mrs S Odell 10-12-0 J Trice-Rolph (7) 66
418 RUSTIC CRAFT 254F Mrs J Broderick 5-11-7 J Apiafi (7) —

6-4 Sheer Jest, 7-2 Kilfinny Cross, 6-1 Golden Freeze, 10-1 others.

4.05 SOUTH YORKSHIRE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,373: 2m 110yd) (18)

501 5325 HIGH MIND 51 Miss L Siddall 6-11-10 D Bridgwater 92
502 0120 COVER POINT 87 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-8 E Callaghan (7) 79
503 2526 UNCLE KEENY 9 (S) J J O'Neill 5-11-7 M Dwyer 83
504 -U50 KALISKO 75 (G) O Sherwood 5-11-3 M Richards 77
505 -423 KASAYID 58 (BF) R Dickin 8-11-3 D Meredith (3) 88
506 3643 RANZEL 24 (G) Miss D Haine 5-11-2 J F Titley 90
507 0131 SUPERHOO 23 (D,S) R Craggs 4-11-2 F Leahy (5) 89
508 -204 ROSS GRAHAM 79 Mrs G Waring 7-11-1 E Byrne 86
509 266 MUZRAK 51 M Hammond 4-11-1 A Maguire 84
510 2P40 DYNAMIC DELUXE 26 (B) S Sherwood 4-10-13 J Osborne 83
511 1040 BARNEY'S GIFT 16 (D,S) O Brennan 7-10-13 S O'Donnell (7) 65
512 6251 FLY TO THE END 44 (D,S) J Quinn 5-10-13 J Driscoll (7) 85
513 -4S4 DOMINIE 17 (S) J Edwards 7-10-11 P Niven 81
514 2640 PLUCKY PUNTER 45 M H Easterby 7-10-11 R Garritty 88
515 -00U FLINTLOCK 70 N Henderson 5-10-11 M A Fitzgerald 93
516 F-30 WHO'S THE BEST 17F A Jarvis 5-10-10 Richard Guest [illegible]
517 0000 DEVIL'S CORNER 37 H Webb 7-10-10 S McNeill 98
518 226- SHARP SENSATION 14F W Barker 5-10-9 G Harker —

5-1 High Mind, 6-1 Dominie, 7-1 Kasayid, 8-1 Uncle Keeny, 9-1 Cover Point, 10-1 Ranzel, 12-1 Plucky Punter, Who's The Best, 14-1 others.

4.40 SANDALL BEAT NOVICES CHASE
(£3,602: 3m) (6)

601 1P1F MONTEBEL 9 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-12-2 C Llewellyn 93
602 2P-1 FAIR CROSSING 28 (G,S) C Egerton 9-11-10 J Osborne [illegible]
603 -546 CROPREDY LAD 9 (F) J Webber 8-11-4 G McCourt 73
604 24P- HELMAR 318 (S) F Jordan 9-11-4 J Lodder 67
605 /UU ROSE'S ORPHAN 30 D Todd 9-11-4 K Jones —
606 5F34 APRIL CITY 17 (B,S) C Smith 6-10-13 M Ranger 85

5-4 Montebel, 7-4 Fair Crossing, 5-1 Helmar, 10-1 Cropredy Lad, 14-1 others.

5.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,392: 2m 110yd) (18)

1 1 DARK PHOENIX 9 (G) O Brennan 5-11-4 S O'Donnell (7) —
2 CHOPWELL CURTAINS M H Easterby 5-11-2 R Garritty —
3 0 CRAFTY GUNNER 32 B Preece 5-11-2 T Wall —
4 0 DECIDE YOURSELF 16 T Thomson Jones 5-11-2 M A Fitzgerald —
5 HOLDING THE ACES G Vergette 5-11-2 G Hogan (5) —
6 MARVULANE Mrs C Black 5-11-2 D Bridgwater —
7 MR ORIENTAL Mrs V Aconley 5-11-2 D Byrne —
8 SOUTHERN NIGHTS Mrs P Sly 5-11-2 R Marley —
9 SPACEAGE GOLD J Old 5-11-2 T Grantham —
10 THE KHOINOA Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-2 J Railton —
11 5 TILLYBOY 37 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-2 P Niven —
12 BEL PROMISE J Webber 5-10-11 Mr P Scott (7) —
13 0 BLANKFORD FOLLY 9 J Thorpe 5-10-11 Annette Billany (7) —
14 0- HAZEL GALE 347 S Christian 6-10-11 G Upton —
15 0 TELLICHERRY 51 Miss H Knight 5-10-11 J Osborne —
16 0 ALLEXTON LAD 16 R Marvin 4-10-8 W Worthington —
17 GOLD FOUNTAIN G Moore 4-10-8 N Bentley —
18 CLIFFORDS TOWER J Glover 4-10-8 A Maguire —

3-1 Spaceage Gold, 4-1 Dark Phoenix, 5-1 Tillyboy, 6-1 Gold Fountain, 8-1 others.

5.40 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,392: 2m 110yd) (18)

1 0 ARITHMETIC 25 Mrs J Pitman 5-11-2 L Rautenbold —
2 5 CATTLY HANG 66 J Leigh 5-11-2 M Dwyer —
3 0 GOLDEN NECTAR 32 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-2 Mr S Joynes (7) —
4 GRATE DEEL P Beaumont 5-11-2 R Supple —
5 0 GRUNDON 67 Mrs L Taylor 6-11-2 P Ward (7) —
6 HARRYS SPECIAL M Hammond 5-11-2 R Burns (7) —
7 0 MACS HERO 16 C Smith 5-11-2 M Ranger —
8 PERROYAL W Clay 5-11-2 Mr B Leavy —
9 PRIVATE MEMORIES C Broad 5-11-2 W Marston —
10 8- SPANISH LIGHT 320P G Richards 6-11-2 A Dobbin —
11 2 STORM NORTH 109 Miss H Knight 5-11-2 J Osborne —
12 3 SUGAR MILL 114 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-2 P Niven —
13 6 SWISS GOLD 34 Miss M Milligan 5-11-2 Richard Guest —
14 AQUEOUS ROCKS B Cambidge 4-10-8 Mr J Cambidge —
15 BRANCHER J Norton 4-10-8 O Pears —
16 6 MISTER FUNNYMAN 44 B Wilkinson 4-10-8 P Walsh (7) —
17 THURSDAY NIGHT Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-8 D Byrne —
18 LILLY THE FILLY Mrs B Waring 4-10-3 E Byrne —

7-2 Storm North, 4-1 Sugar Mill, 5-1 Thursday Night, 7-1 Harrys Special, 8-1 others.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER
2.20 Rowlandsons Gold
2.50 Here He Comes
3.25 Lucky Lane
3.55 Cadougold
4.25 No Fizz
4.55 TICKERTY'S GIFT (nap)

Brian Beel: 4.25 Flame O'Frensi.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: HEAVY SIS

2.20 FINAL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,105: 2m 6f 110yd) (17 runners)

1 11/P00 WOODLAND MINSTREL 6 (B,D,F,S) (A White) M Pipe 10-11-13 R Dunwoody —
2 R061R6 CARFAX 12 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs V Maenders) R Hoad 10-11-9 G Bradley 94
3 52F23/ ANGELO'S DOUBLE 317F (J Heywood) R Buckler 7-11-8 B Powell —
4 1036-02 ROGER'S PAL 77 (G,S) (K Higson) A Moore 8-11-0 Pat Thompson 89
5 60-6210 VILLA PARK 12 (D,F,S) (G Wareham) G Wareham 13-10-13 Peter Hobbs 92
6 46-U310 POLK 94 (S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 6-10-11 O Burrows (7) 88
7 524100 ROWLANDSONS GOLD 12 (G,S) (Rowlandsons Ltd) G L Moore 5-10-11 A P McCoy 98
8 45/03P1 CARABUCK 12 (D,S) (M Sampson) R Rowe 8-10-7 E Murphy 92
9 4-FFPPP CYPRUS 12 (F,G) (T Ford) Miss J Doyle 7-10-6 S Curran —
10 1400-P0 BAYLORD PRINCE 12 (B,S) (Miss J Ewer) Miss J Ewer 7-10-3 D Fortt (5) [illegible]
11 P648P0 GEORGE BUCKINGHAM 32 (B,S) (Brockley Bloodstock) G Ham 10-10-0 G Tormey (5) 95
12 6521P0 BAYBEEJAY 28F (G) (Miss V Hill) R Brotherton 8-10-0 N Williamson 78
13 235050 IVYCHURCH 32 (J Joseph) J Joseph 9-10-0 Karen Cook (7) 89
14 0-0PP00 JOKERS PATCH 83 (B,D,S) (D Lucas) R Baker 8-10-0 D Leahy (3) 81
15 04P0/P0 SMOKEBRIDGE GRAS 16 (Miss J Hodgkinson) W G M Turner 8-10-0. M Griffiths (7) —
16 0060-6P MA BELLA LUNA 111 (M Spore) J Moore 6-10-0 W McFarland 76
17 PPP LOCK TIGHT 67 (L Gilbert) B Stevens 5-10-0 I Lawrence —

Long handicap: George Buckingham 9-13, Baybeejay 9-8, Ivychurch 9-7, Jokers Patch 9-3, Smokebridge Gras 9-2, Ma Bella Luna 9-1, Lock Tight 8-11.

BETTING: 4-1 Carabuck, 5-1 Woodlands Minstrel, 6-1 Roger's Pal, 7-1 Rowlandsons Gold, 8-1 Villa Park, 10-1 Carfax, 12-1 Smokebridge Gras, 14-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CARFAX best effort beat VILLA PARK (3lb better off) 10l in 19-runner selling handicap hurdle at Towcester (3m 5f, heavy) with ROWLANDSONS GOLD (12lb better off) 10l 7th and IVYCHURCH and GEORGER BUCKINGHAM both tailed off 10th and 11th respectively. VILLA PARK beat BOOGIE BOPPER ¾l in an 11-runner selling handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 6f, soft) penultimate start. POLK beat Fast Run 4l in 9-runner selling hurdle at Hereford (3m 2f, good to soft) penultimate start. ROWLANDSONS GOLD best effort beat Target Line 30l in 12-runner selling handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, heavy). CARABUCK beat Fast Run 2l in 10-runner claiming novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 6f 110yd, heavy). BAYBEEJAY best effort beat Ulswater ½l in 14-runner selling handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, good).
Selection: CARFAX

2.50 ROYAL WINDSOR NOVICES CHASE
(£2,861: 2m) (6 runners)

1 652321 ROSGILL 16 (C,F,S) (Brigadier Racing) J White 9-11-9 P McLoughlin (5) 71
2 1240-SS HERE HE COMES 30 (G,S) (F Wilson) A Moore 9-11-2 A P McCoy [illegible]
3 /PPP/0-P DUNAVARRA MILL 39 (S) (Blue Mountain Racing) M Saunders 9-11-2 P Holley —
4 656P-0P RED BEAN 121 (G) (B Tirtil) J O'Donoghue 7-11-2 A Tory —
5 6-1384F WHIPPERS DELIGHT 2 (G,S) (S Thedall) G Charles-Jones 7-11-2 B Powell —
6 /4/PP HALE'S MELODY 16 (S) (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 10-10-11 Mr P Townsley —

BETTING: 5-4 Here He Comes, 2-1 Rosgill, 4-1 Whippers Delight, 15-1 Dunavarra Mill, 20-1 Hale's Melody, Red Bean.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ROSGILL beat Seasamacamile 15l in 6-runner novice chase at Windsor (2m 5f, heavy). HERE HE COMES 25l 3rd of 4 to Gales Cavalier in the grade II Lightning Novice Chase at Ascot (2m, good) penultimate start. RED BEAN pulled up behind Sound Reveille in 5-runner novice chase at Sandown (2m, good to soft). WHIPPERS DELIGHT 24l 4th of 8 to Redeemyourself in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft) penultimate start.
Selection: HERE HE COMES

3.25 PAVILION HANDICAP CHASE (£3,548: 3m 4f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 442143 NATIVE PRIDE 16 (B,C,F,G,S) (I S Racing) K Bailey 8-11-10 N Williamson 97
2 P-2342P MATT REID 46 (B,G,S) (W Morgan) J Leigh 11-10-11 Mr W Morgan 96
3 15P-F41 LUCKY LANE 16 (B,F,G,S) (R Hamilton) P Hobbs 11-10-7 C Maude [illegible]
4 F231-35 DON'T LIGHT UP 109 (B,BF,S) (Geoffrey Solman) P Nicholls 9-10-7 R Dunwoody 88

BETTING: 6-4 Lucky Lane, 9-4 Native Pride, 11-4 Don't Light Up, 9-2 Matt Reid.

1994: WARNER FOR WINNERS 8-10-7 Peter Hobbs (6-1) P Hobbs 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

NATIVE PRIDE 21¾l 3rd to Whisloid in Eider Handicap Chase at Newcastle (4m 1f, good to soft). MATT REID neck 2nd to Pink Gin in Market Rasen handicap chase (4m 1f, soft) penultimate start. Earlier 12l 2nd to Silver Stick in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good to soft) with DON'T LIGHT UP 1¾l 3rd. LUCKY LANE beat Sunbeam Talbot 7l in handicap chase at Chepstow (3m 2f, heavy). DON'T LIGHT UP best effort beat LUCKY LANE ¾l in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 110yd, soft) in December 1993.
Selection: LUCKY LANE

3.55 THAMES NOVICES HURDLE (£2,268: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1 054413 MISTRESS ROSIE 5 (S) (Cider Press Ltd) Mrs J Retter 8-11-4 S Fox (5) 78
2 30003U CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 16 (G) (B Keay) G Balding 5-11-2 A P McCoy —
3 0-3F200 NINE O THREE 26 (S) (Bideford Tool Ltd) N Ayliffe 6-11-2 Guy Lewis (5) 91
4 0014 NEW TRIBE 9 (C,S) (C Robery) J White 4-11-0 P McLoughlin (5) 95
5 006-6P GAME DOMINO 26 (B Edgeley) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 5-10-11 R Greene 60
6 008-P6 LYRICAL SEAL 16 (B) (Mrs J Dening) Miss A Whitfield 5-10-11 D Fortt (5) —
7 F3 CADOUGOLD 63 (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-10-7 R Dunwoody [illegible]
8 06243 KALASADI 16 (G Libson) Miss J Doyle 4-10-7 S Curran 97
9 5 RONALDSWAY 70 (U Home Computers) R Baker 4-10-7 B Powell 64

BETTING: 5-2 Cadougold, 11-4 New Tribe, 3-1 Kalasadi, 9-2 Nine O Three, 8-1 Game Domino, 12-1 Mistress Rosie, 33-1 others.

1994: FIRST AVENUE 10-11-7 J Railton (5-1) C Brooks 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

MISTRESS ROSIE beat Colette's Choice 6l in 17-runner Hereford claiming maiden hurdle (2m 3f, heavy) penultimate start. CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 7l 3rd to Gardien in claiming chase at Ascot (2m 4f, very soft) penultimate start. NINE O THREE best effort 12l 2nd to Cheryl's Lad in Taunton novice hurdle (2m 1f, soft). NEW TRIBE 5¾l 4th of 15 to Marlino in Doncaster novice hurdle (2m 4f, good). CADOUGOLD 14l 3rd to Brave Tornado in Exeter novice hurdle (2m 2f, heavy). KALASADI 18½l 3rd to Kissair in novice hurdle here (2m, heavy).
Selection: NEW TRIBE

4.25 THAMES VALLEY HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,618: 3m) (6 runners)

1 1F521-U NO FIZZ 12 (F,G,S) (Mrs A Bailey) Mrs D Grissell 9-12-2 P Hacking (3) 89
2 4U-P5 CONNIE FOLEY 12 (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 9-12-0 Miss C Townsley (7) —
3 U2/6PP FOREST RANGER 4 (C,F,G,S) (B Robinson) L Parker 13-12-0 M Armytage —
4 336P-61 SMOOTH ESCORT 9P (G,S) (Mrs A Leat) W Smith 11-12-0 T McCarthy (7) [illegible]
5 15P/P3 SWEATSHIRT 13 (S) (S Pike) S Pike 10-12-0 M Felton (5) 85
6 FP11-F2 FLAME O'FRENSI 9P (F,G,S) (P Clarke) K Cumings 9-11-9 Miss J Cumings (7) 87

BETTING: 2-1 Flame O'Frensi, 3-1 No Fizz, 9-2 Sweatshirt, Smooth Escort, 8-1 Forest Ranger, 33-1 Connie Foley.

1994: BRIEF ENCOUNTER 10-11-6 Miss P Curling (6-5 fav) R Barber 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

NO FIZZ beat Darton Ri 13l in 9-runner hunter chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, good to firm) final start last year. CONNIE FOLEY tailed off 5th of 9 to Mr Golightly in maiden hunter chase at Folkestone (2m 5f, soft). SMOOTH ESCORT beat Mister Christian 8l in 9-runner confined point at Badbury Rings (good to soft). SWEATSHIRT tailed off 3rd behind Double Silk when unseated rider and remounted to finish 3rd in 6-runner Warwick hunter chase (3m 2f, soft). FLAME O'FRENSI 8l 2nd to Qualified in ladies open at Badbury Rings (good to soft).
Selection: SMOOTH ESCORT

4.55 MARCH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,355: £2,355: 2m) (11 runners)

1 1244-S3 CRABBY BILL 12 (V,D,G,S) (Financial Times) Miss B Sanders 8-11-11 D Leahy [illegible]
2 P23-121 MAJOR'S LAW 11 (D,G,S) (B Racing) J White 6-11-9 P McLoughlin 96
3 2-26U0 TICKERTY'S GIFT 24 (K Higson) G L Moore 5-11-7 A P McCoy 92
4 353-1P0 MUHTASHIM 12 (S) (Mrs J Wilcock) R Phillips 5-11-4 E Tolhurst (7) 77
5 3130/0/ FUTURE KING 680 (D,G) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-11-3 P Morris (5) —
6 512P3-0 DERISBAY 31F (B,F,G,S) (Miss J Self) J Bridger 7-11-0 Guy Lewis 89
7 5545P/4 SUREN 21 (G,S) (G Brown) Mrs J Retter 9-10-11 S Fox 95
8 6P03P0 ON THE SAUCE 118 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs P Shaw) B Shaw 8-10-11 P Maddock (3) 94
9 5-PPS33 IL BAMBINO 26 (H Manners) H Manners 7-10-4 M Appleby (3) 89
10 61F-600 FRANKUS 11 (F,G) (Jack Woodward & Partners) S Mellor 5-10-3 Chris Webb (3) 91
11 000-P00 RUN TO AU BON 56 (Mrs E Kiernan) A Moore 5-10-0 M Batchelor (7) 70

Long handicap: Road To Au Bon 8-9.

BETTING: 11-4 Major's Law, 7-2 Tickerty's Gift, 9-2 Suren, 5-1 Crabby Bill, 8-1 Frankus, 10-1 Il Bambino, 14-1 Muhtashim, Future King, 20-1 others.

1994: MOVING OUT 6-10-13 M Perrett (15-8 fav) Miss H Knight 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CRABBY BILL 8l 3rd of 12 to Daring Valley in handicap hurdle at Folkestone (2m 6f 110yd, heavy). MAJOR'S LAW beat August Twelfth 1¾l in 14-runner amateur riders' handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft). MUHTASHIM best effort beat Shia 5l in 15-runner selling novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, soft). DERISBAY 10½l 3rd of 8 to Bayford Prince in selling handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, good to soft) on final start last season. SUREN about 6l 4th of 8 to Fox Chapel in handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, heavy). IL BAMBINO 5l 3rd of 20 to Daily Sport Girl in selling handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to soft).
Selection: MAJOR'S LAW (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Balding	4	21	19.0	P Holley	8	33	24.2
P Hobbs	9	52	17.3	N Williamson	12	72	16.7
K Bailey	8	47	17.0	E Murphy	4	32	12.5
M Pipe	4	26	15.4	G Bradley	4	32	12.5
J White	7	57	12.3	R Dunwoody	7	57	12.3

Henley caught out

PETER HENLEY, attached to Robert Alner's yard, was *not* the most popular rider with punters at the **Chiddingfold, Leconsfield and Cowdray** point-to-point on Saturday when Celtic Spark was beaten *a short head in the PPOA race* (Brian Beel writes).

After his three previous successes, *Celtic Spark started* at 4-1 on, with a few significant wages laid. He was four lengths clear soon after the last and Henley thought he had done enough. But Guiseppe Gigantesco produced Saddlers Choice with a remarkable late run to catch him on the line. The Italian, a 35-year-old surveyor, was having only his second ride.

Lulu Wrighton, coincidentally half Italian, won the Ladies' on Springmount — her first ride in public — but luck was on her side when two in front departed.

Out of 11 meetings scheduled, only one other, the **Brocklesby**, was able to race. Here there was a shock defeat for Avostar in the Open. He made most of the running until overtaken with two to jump by Fine Lace, who held on under Jim Tarry to win by two lengths.

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Court of Appeal

Justiciable issue over care of patient

In re S (Hospital patient: Court's jurisdiction)

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment March 2]

A dispute between rival claimants as to the appropriate care of an adult incapacitated by illness raised a justiciable issue which could properly be brought before the court for resolution.

Where, therefore, the family of such an adult sought to remove him from the jurisdiction to provide care for him in the country where he was a citizen, the companion with whom he had lived prior to his illness was entitled to apply to the court for declaratory relief in respect of his future care.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by S's wife and son from Mrs Justice Hale ([1995] 2 WLR 38) who had determined in the plaintiff's favour the issue whether the court had jurisdiction to grant her declaratory relief, and had further granted her application for an injunction restraining S's wife and son from removing S from the hospital in which he was a patient until trial of the substantive issue as to his future care or until further order.

S, a Norwegian citizen, married his present wife in 1945. Their son was born in 1947. In 1989 S met the plaintiff, formed a close friendship with her and in 1991 set up house with her in England.

In 1993, when he suffered a stroke, the plaintiff secured immediate treatment and subsequently his admission to a private hospital, whose account she paid from funds in bank accounts operated under the power of attorney he had given her.

She visited him regularly, showing close interest in his welfare. The wife and son also visited and, considering that he should be removed for care to Norway, took him from the hospital.

The plaintiff alerted the police who intercepted the ambulance taking him to the airport and he was returned to hospital. The plaintiff obtained an interlocutory injunction restraining his removal, and filed evidence to the effect that S wished to remain in England close to her. Evidence filed by S's wife and son was to the opposite effect.

Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC and Mr Witold Pawlak for S's wife and son; Mr James Munby, QC and Mr Huw Lloyd for the plaintiff; Mr Robert Francis, QC and Mr Nicholas O'Brien for the Official Solicitor.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Sir Louis Blom-Cooper acknowledged that

1 the court would have had jurisdiction to grant declaratory relief on the application of either the Official Solicitor as guardian ad litem for S, or of the hospital where S was a patient and

2 if the court had no jurisdiction to grant relief on the application of a person such as the plaintiff, the law was seriously defective, since a course of action which might be inconsistent with S's best interests might have been accomplished before it was practicable to invoke the aid of the court to prevent it.

He submitted that on existing authority the court had no jurisdiction to grant relief to the plaintiff; that the grant of declaratory relief under Order 15, rule 16 of the Rules of the Supreme Court was unjustified; that the judge had seriously misunderstood some of the leading authorities and that her decision represented a heroic but unjustified attempt to remedy a gap in the law.

The basis of those submissions was that the court had no jurisdiction to grant declaratory and injunctive relief at the suit of the plaintiff against S's wife and son in circumstances where:

(i) there were no rights or obligations existing or likely to exist as between the parties to that private law suit, namely, the plaintiff and S's wife and son, and

(ii) the claim involved the inability of a mentally incapable adult to exercise his inalienable right to choose the nature and extent of his physical care.

It was submitted on behalf of the plaintiff and the Official Solicitor that the court's jurisdiction to grant declaratory relief was not so limited.

They had relied on a number of expansive judicial statements on the court's jurisdiction and in particular on recent cases in which courts at all levels, confronted with the need to give guidance on questions of pressing and somtimes vital concern, had developed the declaratory judgment as a flexible and beneficial remedy without meticulous regard to the standing of a plaintiff who could show good reason for seeking the assistance of the court.

His Lordship referred to Order 15, rule 16 which regulated, but did not confer, the court's jurisdiction to grant declaratory relief and to authorities which expressed the court's power in wide terms and also to cases in which a more restrictive view had been taken of its jurisdiction.

Turning to the more recent authority, his Lordship discussed in particular, the decisions in *Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom v Department of Health and Social Security* ([1981] AC 800), *Gillick v West Norfolk and Wisbech Area Health Authority* ([1986] AC 112), *In re F (Mental Patient: Sterilisation)* ([1990] 2 AC 1), *Airedale NHS Trust v Bland* ([1993] AC 789) and *In re T (Adult: Refusal of treatment)* ([1993] Fam 95).

The first four of those cases had been referred to in *Zamir & Woolf: The Declaratory Judgment* (second edition, 1993) as collectively constituting "the development of a new advisory declaratory jurisdiction".

His Lordship concluded:

1 The law respected the right of adults of sound mind to physical autonomy. Generally, no one was entitled to touch, examine or operate on such persons without their consent, express or implied. It was up to them to give or withold consent as they wished, for reasons good or bad.

2 That simple rule could not be applied in cases of minors and those subject to serious mental illness because they might be unable to form or express any, or any reliable, judgment of where their best interests lay.

In such situations the law provided for parents or next friends or guardians to speak for them.

3 Those rendered unconscious or inarticulate by accident or sudden illness, such as afflicted S, posed a less familiar problem. They could not express preferences like rational conscious adults.

4 The consequence of that inability was that in cases of controversy and in cases involving momentous and irrevocable decisions the courts had treated as justiciable any genuine question as to what the best interests of the patient required or justified.

In making those decisions the courts had recognised the desirability of informing those involved whether a proposed course of conduct would render them criminally or civilly liable; they had acknowledged their duty to act as a safeguard against malpractice, abuse and unjustified action and they had recognised the desirability, in the last resort, of decisions being made by an impartial independent tribunal.

5 In none of the cases cited had an applicant for declaratory relief failed on purely procedural grounds.

It could not be suggested that any stranger or officious busybody, however remotely connected with a patient or the subject matter of proceedings, could property seek or obtain declaratory or any other relief, in private law any more than public law proceedings.

But it could be suggested that where a serious justiciable issue was brought before the court by a party with a genuine and legitimate interest in obtaining a decision against an adverse party, the court would not impose nice tests to determine the precise legal standing of that claimant.

6 Nothing in the existing evidence suggested that the decision whether S should remain here or be returned to Norway was likely to have consequences as momentous and final as the decisions in issue in most of the decided cases.

One might be confident that standards of medical treatment and nursing care would be of the highest in both countries.

But the evidence did not suggest that S, like a persistent vegetative state patient, was immune from pain and incapable of emotion. So it would not be safe, certainly at the present stage, to assume that he had no preferences about his future care and residence, even though he could not express them.

There was no doubt that the substantial issue was a serious justiciable issue, involving as it potentially did, the happines and welfare of a helpless human being.

7 When S suffered his stroke it was plain that the plaintiff had assumed the duty of ensuring that be was properly cared for.

Having assumed that duty, she was at risk if she failed to discharge it: see *R v Stone* ([1977] QB 354). She did discharge it, arranging for his treatment and care at the private hospital.

If she made that contract as a principal, no one was prima facie entitled to vary or interfere with its performance without the consent of either contracting party.

If, perhaps more probably, she made the contract as S's agent, deriving her authority from necessity, then she remained as agent authorised to safeguard the performance of the contract unless and until S's best interests were shown to require a change in the arrangements.

Although S's wife and son had ties of affinity and blood with him which the plaintiff lacked, those ties conferred no legal right to determine the course of his treatment: see *In re T* ([1993] Fam 95, 103).

If it was necessary for the plaintiff to demonstrate in herself a specific legal right which was liable to be infringed by the wife's and son's proposed action, then she had done so.

But to insist on demonstration of such a right in the present sensitive and socially important area of the law was to confine the court's inherent jurisdiction within an inappropriate straitjacket. The matters listed by the judge in her judgment were quite enough to show that the plaintiff was far from being a stranger or an officious busybody and that was enough to give the court jurisdiction.

8 His Lordship would be reluctant to accept that the law was as defective as the argument on behalf of the wife and son had supposed. In practical terms neither the Official Solicitor nor the hospital management could have been expected to act in time to prevent S's removal.

If the law were powerless to give practical help in cases such as the present, the invitation to others similarly placed in future to take the law into their own hands, with the risk at least of unseemly tussles and at worst of violence, would be obvious.

It was pre-eminently an area in which the common law should respond to social needs as they were manifested, case by case.

Any statutory rule, unless framed in terms so wide as to give the court an almost unlimited discretion, would be bound to impose an element of inflexibility which would be wholly undesirable.

He would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Millett delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Kennedy agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Lewis Silkin for Billson & Sharp, Leicester; Payne Hicks Beach; Official Solicitor.

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Subordinate legislation cannot increase liability

Ford v Burnley Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Keene

[Judgment February 27]

The occupier of part of a hereditament was not liable under the Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (SI 1990 No 105) to an order for the whole since it was not intended that the regulations themselves imposed such a liability.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an appeal by Gordon Ford brought by case stated against the decision of Burnley Justices on July 6, 1994 that he was liable for non-domestic rates in respect of Ford Quarry, Burnley, on an information laid by Burnley Borough Council.

Mr Ford traded as W. E. Ford & Son from offices on the site through which he controlled a number of companies of which he was the majority shareholder. There were distinct parts of the site and common roads used by all the companies. Mr Ford paid the rates for the whole of the site and recouped from whichever of the companies was doing best financially.

Mr Vincent Fraser for Mr Ford; Mr Ikbal Musaheb for the council.

LORD JUSTICE PILL said that the question before the court was whether a finding that Mr Ford was the occupier of part of a hereditament justified a liability order against him, on the ground that occupation of a part was, in the light of the 1990 Regulations, an occupation of the whole.

Mr Fraser relied on the principle expounded by Lord Justive May in *Verrall v Hackney London Borough Council* ([1983] QB 445, 462) to contend that Mr Ford could not be made subject to a liability order. Mr Musaheb had submitted that an important alteration had occurred in the law concerning the occupier of part of an hereditament following the implementation of the regulations.

In his Lordship's judgment, Mr Fraser was correct in his submission that the relevant regulation, regulation 3, dealt with joint occupiers of an hereditament, not with the situation where one person occupied part of a site so as to create joint and severable liability by virtue of occupation of the whole site.

To accede to the council's interpretation would be to create a radical change in rating law. Parliament would have set it out in a statute if it so intended.

The power under section 50 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 to make regulations did not create a power to impose an obligation not in existence by virtue of the Act or of the general law. The latter survived the 1990 Regulations to determine who was an occupier.

The regulations applied to persons in occupation of a non-domestic hereditament and did not alter how occupation was to be determined. The regulations dealt with the situation where there was only single or joint occupation at one time.

The principle in *Verrall* was still law and was not changed by the regulations. That argument was irresistible.

Regulation 3 was intended to deal with joint occupiers of an hereditament or part thereof as contemplated by Lord Justice May. It was not intended to have a situation where the regulations themselves imposed on an occupier of part of an hereditament liability to pay rates on the whole of the hereditament.

The liability order would be quashed.

MR JUSTICE KEENE said that while it was true that by regulation 3(9) there was power to recover payments from other owners or occupiers, that could lead to a peculiar and unjust result because those who occupied separate parts might do so in unequal proportions and reliance on regulation 3(9) to ensure all occupiers paid an equal share could not have been what Parliament intended. The emphasis in 3(9) on equal shares showed that the regulation as a whole applied to joint occupation of property so described.

Solicitors: Pollard Bower & Co, Burnley; Mrs Susan Walsh, Burnley.

Creditors not entitled to present petition

In re a Debtor (No 340 of 1992)

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment February 28]

Where a sheriff returned a writ of fieri facias after failing to gain access to the premises where it was to be executed, execution was not "returned unsatisfied" within section 268(1)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 so as to entitle the creditors to present a bankruptcy petition.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the creditors, First National Commercial Bank plc and First National Bank plc, from a decision of Mr Justice Aldous (*The Times* July 19, 1993) whereby the debtor's appeal was allowed against the refusal of District Judge Dimmick at Kingston upon Thames County Court to set aside the creditors' bankruptcy petition.

Mr David Halpern for the creditors; Mr Simon Mortimore, QC and Mr Hashim Reza for the debtor.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the bankruptcy petition arose out of guarantees given by the debtor to the creditors in 1990 in respect of the debts of a company, Cambridge Trust plc. The guarantees were for a total sum of £800,000.

The company went into receivership in February 1991, with the result that the debtor potentially became liable under the guarantees. The debtor appreciated that he could not pay the sum that might be sought from him and he put forward a voluntary arrangement which was rejected.

In October 1991 the creditors demanded payment. The demand was not met and they obtained summary judgment from Master Gowers against the debtor for £910,071.

On November 11, 1992 the creditors issued a writ of fieri facias which was delivered to the sheriff. He visited the debtor's house on December 10 and 14, 1992 but was unable to gain access. The creditors' solicitors countermanded the execution and the sheriff returned the writ, endorsing it as being "unsatisfied in whole".

The bankruptcy petition which the creditors then served stated that the debtor was indebted in the sum of £910,071 and that the "debt represents the amount by which the execution was returned unsatisfied".

An application by the debtor to strike out the petition was dismissed by the district judge but it succeeded before Mr Justice Aldous, from whom the creditors appealed. The question was whether the execution had been "returned unsatisfied in whole or in part" within the meaning of section 268(1)(b).

The section contemplated the carrying out of execution and endorsement of the manner in which the execution was carried out. If the sheriff was unable to gain entry to the premises in which the execution was to be carried out, then there was no execution and a proper endorsement could not be made under the section.

Accordingly, the creditors had been unable to bring themselves within the section and were not entitled to present the petition.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Waite agreed.

Solicitors: Berwin Leighton; Wrights.

Misconduct in public office

Regina v Bowden

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Mr Justice Hidden and Mr Justice Mitchell

[Judgment February 24]

The common law offence of misconduct in a public office applied generally to local authorities, and not only to officers or agents of the Crown.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of Terence William Bowden against his conviction by his plea of guilty following a ruling by the judge on October 21, 1993 at Wolverhampton Crown Court (Judge Mott) of misconduct in a public office, for which he was fined £350.

Mr Anthony Barker, QC, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr James Burbidge for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant was employed by the council as a miscellaneous maintenance manager in the city works department.

Under his contract of employment he was responsible, inter alia, for the handling of money and ensuring that the department's activities were within budget.

It was alleged that he had dishonestly caused council employees to carry out works which were not required under the council's repairing policy to premises occupied by his girlfriend.

The principle running throughout the authorities was, in the words of Lord Mansfield in *R v Bembridge* ((1783) 3 Dougl 327), that "a man accepting an office of trust concerning the public is answerable criminally to the King for misbehaviour in his office" and that that was "true by whomever and in whatever way the officer is appointed".

Nothing in any later case had qualified that general principle, and in no case had it been laid down that the offence was limited to officers or agents of the Crown.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Wolverhampton.

Leave for contact

In re A (a Minor) (Contact application: Grandparent)

A grandparent had to apply under section 10(9) of the Children Act 1989 for leave to apply for a contact order under section 8 of that Act but there was no presumption that, once leave had been given, a grandparent was entitled to have contact with a child of the family unless a cogent reason for refusing contact could be given.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Otton) so held on March 1 when dismissing the appeal of a grandmother from the dismissal by Judge Crawford, QC, in North Shields County Court on September 6, 1994, of her section 8 application for contact with her grandson.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that there was a presumption that a natural parent should have contact, unless cogent reasons were given. But that was not the approach to be followed for any other member of the family, be they grandparent, aunt or uncle or anyone else.

Court of Session

Whether relocation is minor

Strathclyde Pharmaceuticals Ltd and Another v Argyll and Clyde Health Board and Another

Before Loud Coulsfield

[Judgment December 7]

Where a pharmacist sought permission to relocate his premises, and the health board was obliged to consider representations from other interested pharmacists before granting the application, unless the relocation was a minor relocation within a single neighbourhood, a board's general pharmaceutical committee was entitled to conclude that the proposed relocation was minor without having regard to representation from local pharmacists which had been made to the committee.

Lord Coulsfield, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, dismissing a petition brought by Strathclyde Pharmaceuticals Ltd and another seeking judicial review of a decision of the general pharmaceutical committee of the Argyll and Clye Health Board to grant an application by the firm of Birnie Pharmacy, to move from 92 Cross Arthurlie Street to 176 Main Street, Barrhead, Renfrewshire.

Mr Jonathon Brodie for the petitioners; Miss Gail Joughin for the board; Mr Sigidur Bennett for Birnie Pharmacy.

LORD COULSFIELD said that regulation 28(4) of the National Health Service (General, Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations (SI 1974 No 506) as amended by the National Health Service (General, Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations (SI 1987 No 386) and the National Health Service (General, Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations (SI 1990 No 883) required that an application to relocate a pharmacy was only to be granted if the board had first given written notice of the application to, inter alia, any person whose name was on the pharmaceutical list and whose interest might be affected if the application was granted.

However, regulation 28(4) did not apply to applications under regulation 28(3A), which provided that where an applicant intended to relocate a new premises within the neighbourhood in which he provided pharmaceutical services, and to provide from those new premises the same services which he was listed as providing from his existing premises and "the board is satisfied that the relocation was a minor relocation ... the board shall grant the application."

Regulation 28(3C) defined a minor relocation as one "where there will be no significant change in the neigbourhood population in respect of which pharmaceutical services are provided by the applicant and other circumstances are such that there will be no appreciable effect on the pharmaceutical services provided by the applicant or any other person whose name is included in the pharmaceutical list of the board."

The second petitioners had applied for the relocation of their pharmacy to a new address six-tenths of a mile from its existing address. They had submitted applications under both regulation 28(3A) and regulation 28(4). Notice of the latter application had duly been given to the petitioners and they had lodged objections to that application.

The area pharmaceutical committee had advised the board that in its view the application was not in respect of a minor relocation, whereas the Chief Administrative Pharmaceutical Officer had reached and intimated a contrary view.

The board's general pharmaceutical committee had considered both views and a map of the area, and, using their own knowledge of the area, had come to the view that it was a minor relocation. They had determined that the central area of Barrhead was one neighbourhood and the applicant was proposing to relocate within it. It was agreed that the population of Barrhead was in the region of 22,000.

For the board, it was submitted that the committee had not considered the petitioners' objections because under the regulations they had neither any obligation nor any power to do so. Having determined that the application was in respect of a minor relocation they had had no option in terms of regulation 28(3A) but to grant the application.

The only argument of substance put forward in support of the contention that what the board had done had been *ultra vires* was, in his Lordship's opinion, that the board had required to have regard to the objections which had been lodged by the petitioners. There was, however, no statutory requirement that they should do so.

The regulations specifically laid down the matters to which the board had to have regard in deciding whether or not it was satisfied that a proposed relocation was a minor relocation. They were made the judge of whether the application was or was not minor.

If the board were required to have regard to any objections which happened to be before them that would defeat the object of the regulations and, in effect, require that every application should be treated as if it had been made under regulation 28(4).

His Lordship disagreed with the petitioners' contention that that procedure should be followed where there was any doubt about the question whether the relocation was a minor one or not.

His Lordship also observed that he respectfully agreed with the reported observation of Mr Justice Popplewell in *R v Yorkshire Health Authority, Ex parte Suri* ([1994] TLR 480) that what amounted to neighbourhood and to minor relocation was a matter of fact and degree.

Law agents: Simpson & Marwick; Scottish Health Service Central Legal Office; Gray Muirhead.

No appeal on case not considered below

Strathclyde Regional Council v Gallagher

Before Lord McCluskey, Lord Prosser and Lord Kikrwood

[Judgment January 6]

It was not appropriate to grant leave to appeal to the House of Lords to enable an argument to be presented, which had not previously advanced, based on a judgment of the Lords which was said to contradict earlier case-law but which had not been drawn to the court's attention by either party.

An Extra Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing a motion by James Gallagher seeking leve to appeal against an interlocutor of the Inner House allowing an appeal by Strathclyde Regional Council against a decision of the Lands Tribunal of Scotland.

Mr Stuart Nicoll for the respondent; Mr Patrick Hodge for Strathclyde.

LORD McCLUSKEY, delivering the opinion of the court, said that the appeal of the Court of Session had concerned, inter alia, the interpretation of paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987.

At the hearing, the respondent had not challenged the Scottish authorities referred to by the appellants, notably *De Fontenay v Strathclyde Regional Council* (1990 SLT 605).

However, in moving for leave to appeal, under section 11(7)(d) of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992, counsel for the respondent had drawn the Court's attention to the decision of the House of Lords in *Hughes v Greenwich London Borough Council* ([1994] 1 AC 170), which, he submitted, appeared to be irreconcilable with *De Fontenay*.

He frankly acknowledged that at the hearing of the appeal neither party had drawn the court's attention to that case.

If *Hughes* was indeed, at variance with *De Fontenay*, and if the attention of the court had been drawn to it, it might have decided that the two cases were in fact consistent. Alternatively, it might have decided that *De Fontenay* should be reconsidered by a bench of five judges.

It was highly unsatisfactory that the court had not been given the opportunity to consider those matters properly.

Their Lordships also observed, although it was not perhaps a matter of great importance, that *De Fontenay* had not been referred to in *Hughes*.

Their Lordships were not satisfied that it would be appropriate to grant leave to appeal and thus to enable the respondent to present, for the first time, arguments based upon an interpretation of the section for which he had not hitherto contended.

However, the respondent could seek leave from the House of Lords under section 11(7) of the 1992 Act.

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Rise of the local heroes

The war against local education authorities has been lost, says

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Parents and children demonstrating against school cuts in Warwickshire — there has been growing popular revolt

A year ago the local education authorities (LEAs) seemed to have had their day. Robbed of the former polytechnics in the late 1980s, and of further education colleges two years ago, their eviction from the heartland of the education service — the schools — appeared inevitable. Although it might take time, the new Funding Agency for Schools (FAS) would eventually displace LEAs as more and more schools opted out.

Today, it is the quangos designed to replace LEAs that suddenly look vulnerable. The FAS has faltered, as enthusiasm for opting-out has dried up. Grant-maintained schools may still have a role as a ginger group, but few people, even in the Department of Education, expect them to become the majority sector. The record of Training and Enterprise Councils (Tecs), designed to be at the cutting edge of Britain's training revolution, has been uninspiring. One London Tec has even gone bust.

The Further Education Funding Council, which until *recently appeared to be* emulating the inexorable success of the higher education funding councils on which it was modelled, has also run into a squall. Sleazy behaviour by a few business-orientated governors; colleges that claim funding for students who do not exist — such abuses, however *unfairly*, are now laid at the door of the FEFC. As a result, unlike the Government's higher education reforms, the FEFC regime suddenly appears reversible.

The revival of LEAs, which have formed the backbone of *state education in Britain for almost a century (longer, if their ancestors*, the school boards, are included), is a remarkable phenomenon. Part of the reason is high politics. The Government, which has been their foe and assiduously promoted their rivals, the quangos, seems to be broken-backed. Labour, with its deeper (but not *bottomless) affection* for local government, is the government-in-waiting.

Tory shires have been tumbled down; Conservative middle England, recently so solid, has melted into air. The two are almost certainly connected. For more than a decade the Government has systematically reduced the powers of local government, inevitably undermining the incentive to vote Tory in local elections. As a result its provincial powerbases have been surrendered.

But just as important a reason for the revival of LEAs is that, because of the Conservative collapse, they have become depol*iticised. Hung* councils have produced not simply power-sharing but power-rotation. In North Yorkshire, Leicestershire, Hertfordshire and *many other LEAs, chief education officers now face a different* chairman of the education committee each month.

Quangos appear servile and shrill

The shorthand of officials is revealing. Councillors who once bossed them are now referred to, affectionately but patronisingly, as "spokes". The chief education officer is once more the hub of the local education service. And no one is complaining about this silent depoliticisation of LEAs.

This new solidarity has been shown in the united opposition to cuts in LEA budgets which has grown into a national movement, from urban Tyneside to rural Shropshire. Governors and parents, who once would have blamed parsimonious or profligate city or *county halls*, have joined forces with local councillors and officers in attacking the Government.

Hung councils, power-sharing and power-rotation mean it is no longer the LEAs that are seen as playing politics, but the Govern*ment. Also, the legacy* of a decade of dirigisme, practised suavely by Kenneth Baker and ineptly by John Patten, is that no one any longer *thinks LEAs are really responsible for the substance of most* educational policies. The paradoxical effect is that LEAs, depoliticised and powerless, are more formidable adversaries for the Government than the vanguardist and confrontational LEAs of tabloid myth.

The tables have been turned. The Government's attack on LEAs was originally justified on the grounds that they were over-ideological and under-competent. That critique resonated with public opinion in the mid-1980s. Agencies that were apolitical (ie, did not question the thrust of the Government's reforms) and efficient were needed to replace them. Enter the quangos.

Today the quangos appear servile and shrill. At best they were held responsible for everything that went wrong in their area of responsibility, the fate of all centralising agencies — even those designed to promote the market. At worst they are having to fight off accusations of political patron*age and even sleaze.*

Meanwhile, local authorities have cleaned up their act. The ideological heat, never very hot in practice, has been turned down. Even where councils are not hung, Labour-run *LEAs have abandoned leftist adventurism in the run-up to the expected Blair gov*ernment. Moderation is everywhere. At the same time the efficiency of local government has improved, partly because councils have adopted good management practices and partly because they have had no choice in an era of cuts and caps.

As a result of the revival of LEAs and the assault on the quangos, new policy vistas are opening up. The future no longer belongs exclusively to funding agencies and councils. Instead, a new balance will need to be struck between a powerful, even dominant, LEA system and the sectors that have slipped into the hands of the quangos.

There are already signs that *this is happening. Some Tecs* and LEAs have established creative concordats. Further Education colleges, having passed through the fire of unrestricted competition, have also begun to think more in terms of partnership. The market is overcrowded with providers of 16-19 education, *and the FEFC may not survive* a Labour move to establish regional assemblies, at any rate in a recognisable form. The FAS looks more and more like a marginal institution.

But LEAs are changing too. *Local management of schools* is irreversible. Detailed townhall control is dead. They will also need to develop loose-rein relationships with any returned grant-maintained schools or FE colleges. In their second century, LEAs will take on a more strategic role — part advocate for local needs (as the Government is uncomfortably discovering), part coordinator of scattered provision, and perhaps part purchaser on behalf of their communities of educational services from provider schools and colleges.

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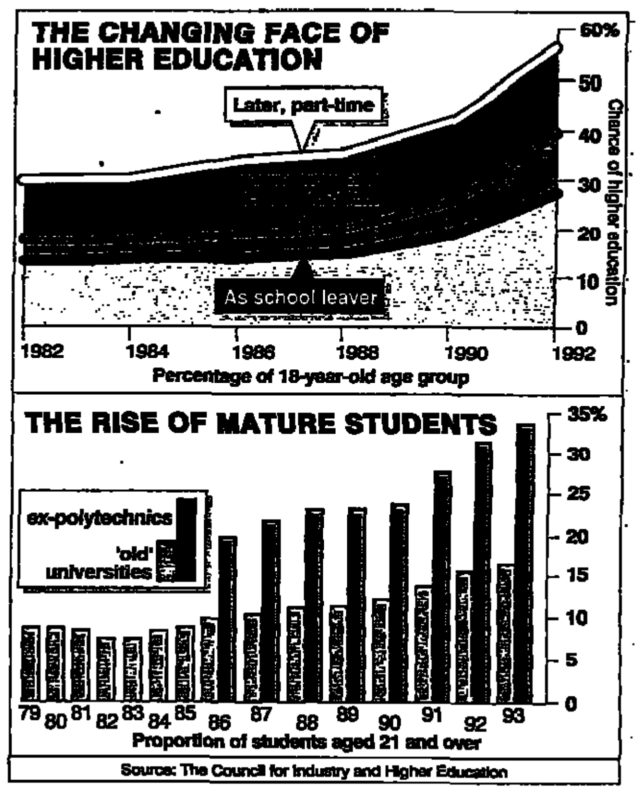
A hidden army will go on to higher education

John O'Leary asks if there can ever be a 'correct' level of university entry to meet Britain's future needs



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Last week universities were told to cut their places to keep the proportion of school-leavers in higher education to 30 per cent. Today a report estimates that twice that proportion will enter the sector at some time in their lives.

These apparently conflicting signals illustrate the extent to which students' chances of a university place seem to be ruled by increasingly arbitrary and sometimes misleading statistics. Everything hinges on the number of 18-year-olds in the population, even though older students are now in the majority on English campuses.

In the autumn, the formula decrees that there will be 6,000 fewer higher education places because the latest population *statistics show a slight decline* in the number of 18-year-olds. In fact, the change is due to a revision after the last census, and numbers may not be dropping at all.

The cut might have been larger, had the Higher Education Funding Council for England not found that fewer students than expected were completing courses. But the council says that this is another statistical quirk, and not a reflection of increased drop-out rates.

In reality, the determining factor for the size of the higher education system is not the movement of a few hundred students or a population blip, but the amount of money the Treasury is prepared to commit. Even the present low level of student grants produces a total bill of *more than £2 billion.*

The result is rigid planning of intakes on a scale never envisaged when the funding councils were established. Universities will again be expected to be within 1.5 per cent of their recruitment targets in the coming year.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, is in the midst of a fundamental review of the sector, which will consider whether and when to resume expansion. The assumption must be that there is a "correct" level of participation in higher education to meet the needs of the nation.

Today's report, by Professor Alan Smithers and Dr Pamela Robinson, of Manchester University, shows that the existing system is serving a far greater proportion of the population than official statistics suggest. Discounting the growing number of part-time students, who do not receive grants and loans, the thousands of full-timers classed as "mature" boost the numbers supported by the Treasury to the equivalent of 45 per cent of the 18-year-old age group.

Assuming current levels of participation continue, almost six out of every ten 18-year-olds will enter university or college eventually. With some demand for higher education apparently unmet, the actual level may well be greater still.

More and more people study in mid-career

However, the authors make no judgment on the optimum level of participation for the economy. They recount the failure of previous attempts at manpower planning and conclude that higher education and employment cannot be "neatly matched".

Instead, they predict that the system will continue to change and expand, when the current freeze comes to an end in 1997. More people will study in mid-career, taking part-time courses. Many more will have vocational qualifications, rather than A levels, and may take technician or supervisory posts, rather than traditional graduate jobs.

Professor Smithers and Dr Robinson expect the demand for higher education to go on rising, reflecting the the aspirations of graduate parents and continuing growth in the number of teenagers staying on at school or college beyond 16. The system will also have to accommodate further increases in the number of 18-year-olds from next year.

The Council for Industry and Higher Education, the *business-dominated* organisation which commissioned the report, will use its findings to inform its own submission to Mrs Shephard's review. The CBI, to which many of the council's members belong, has already said that it believes many more people will need higher education if Britain is *to have the high-calibre* workforce needed to succeed in global markets.

Professor Smithers's conclusion is that such ambitions can be realised only if students and employers meet more of the costs of higher education. "Once that happens, the Government can stop setting artificial limits on student numbers and allow the system to develop organically."

● Post-18 Education: Growth, Change, Prospects; *free from Council for Industry and Higher Education, 100 Park Village East, London NW1 3SR.*

Boarding on the State

The offer of an education comparable with the best independents is winning over parents

Reckoning day for independent schools comes again next month when they announce the number of children attending their schools. If recent trends continue, day numbers are likely to show a small increase and the ten-year decline in boarding may be slowed for the second year running.

Whatever the reasons for the fall in previous years, cost is a prime reason for parents turning away from boarding. As the Principal of the largest state boarding school in Britain, I am only too aware of the statistics, but there are signs that we may be facing a period of stability in which *boarding* can be made more affordable.

Boarding in state schools has suffered a great decline in the past 20 years But there is good news. We should recognise it and we should build on it: in the past four years, with about 4,000 boarding places in a wide variety of schools throughout the country available to parents who need them or want them, there has been more *stability.*

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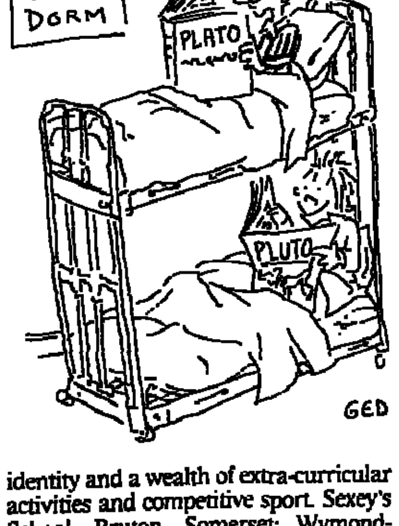

Others are highly selective, such as the traditional grammar schools in Reading, Lancaster, Newport, Cranbrook and Colchester, all of which have boarding places. Others — such as Lady Manners in Bakewell, Derbyshire — are simply good state schools, which by accidents of history have boarding houses attached to day schools.

We are all able to offer a rich education comparable to the best of the independent schools. Under the Treaty of Rome, state schools in Britain are now open to pupils from countries in the European Union. State schools are increasingly recruiting boarders from the Continent. German, French and *Spanish parents in particular* are attracted to England because English is a world language, and to our schools because of our reasonable fees.

British parents and prep-school heads who advise them see this European dimension as attractive. It contrasts strongly with the negative effect on some independent senior schools of increasing proportions of pupils being recruited from Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Korea and Taiwan.

When I visit prep and primary schools, I am always struck by the contrasts. The experience of the prep school under-11 rugby or hockey captain with early exposure to French and Latin, formal English grammar, leadership as a prefect, competitive sport, all in elegant surroundings with socially and economically selected companions is very different from that of the Year 6 child at the village primary school.

The contrasts of funding arrangements, philosophy and expectations are acute. Yet as the child matures, the systems converge. By 16, all are sitting in similar halls taking the same GCSEs. At 18, all are competing for the same places at the same universities. We all appear in the same league tables.

Parents, for a variety of reasons, only some of them financial, are increasingly interested in a mixed educational experience for their children: a variety of schools from age five to 18, choosing between prep and primary, then switching at 11, 13 or 16. Heads of state and independent schools who have lived and worked in different worlds with little significant contact should follow the example of parents.

There is now much to be gained from greater co-operation, particularly among those of us who are sure that boarding will be needed by some families for a long time in the future.

JOHN HADEN

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A living museum of the 19th century is being restored, **Sally Watts** reports

Once upon a school day

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300 schoolboys dressed as the sons of the labouring poor to raise money for two historic classrooms in Hitchin

Two historic classrooms, legacies of pioneering advances in the education of 19th-century boys from poor homes, are being restored to form part of a living museum and research centre in a £2 million project at Queen Street in Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

The rooms belong to one of the last surviving British Schools, and are believed to be unique. In the Lancasterian Room, dating from 1837 — the year Queen Victoria came to the throne — a single master taught a class of 300 boys, assisted by monitors.

Those early pupils were remembered last week with the March of the 300 — Hitchin schoolboys dressed as sons of the last century's labouring poor — to launch a national fundraising campaign. So far £72,000 has been raised locally to buy the Grade II* listed building from Hertfordshire County Council. To complete the purchase a further £108,000 is needed by next January. The school will become a museum and education centre at a cost of £1,800,000, and some 1,500 schools in Hertfordshire and elsewhere have been invited to raise money.

The Lancasterian Room, measuring 62½ft by 34ft, was built to the design of Joseph Lancaster, the Quaker education reformer. He pioneered *the monitorial system of teaching* in order to improve the low standards of schooling for poorer children.

The original side aisles with their pillars can still be seen in the room, along with an 1831 instruction manual. Here some of the pupils stood in semicircular groups, to be tutored by monitors using pointers to boards hung on the walls. Other boys sat on 6in-wide benches at very small desks, using slates — cheaper than paper.

In the adjoining room, which came later, 110 boys were crammed on narrow benches. The purpose-built galleried floor was added after a visit in 1853 by Matthew Arnold, then employed as an inspector of schools, who recommended it to help pupil-teachers, brighter pupils who received a teaching certificate.

Although many British *Schools were based on* nonconformist teaching, the majority were Church of England national schools. "Every British School in the country did the same lessons at the same time every day of the week," says Brian Limbrick, a campaigner for the restoration of the Hitchin school. He was a pupil there in the early 1940s when it was known as Queen Street Junior Elementary School.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Durham

Professor of Greek

An outstanding scholar with an international profile in research is sought to fill the Chair of Greek in the Department of Classics and Ancient History from 1 October 1995 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Applicants should have a distinguished record of research and publications in an area of ancient Greek studies other than history and archaeology.

The salary will be by negotiation within the professorial range.

For informal discussion of the post, please contact
Dr. O.T.P.K. Dickinson or Professor A. J. Woodman on 0191-374 2071.

Further details may be obtained from the Director of Personnel, Old Shire Hall, Durham, DH1 3HP, to whom applications (5 copies) should be submitted, including the names of three referees, by Friday 14 April, 1995. (Candidates outside the British Isles may submit one copy only). Please quote reference C023. Tel: 0191-374 3140/ fax: 0191-374 4747/ e-mail Sar.Recruit@Durham.ac.uk.

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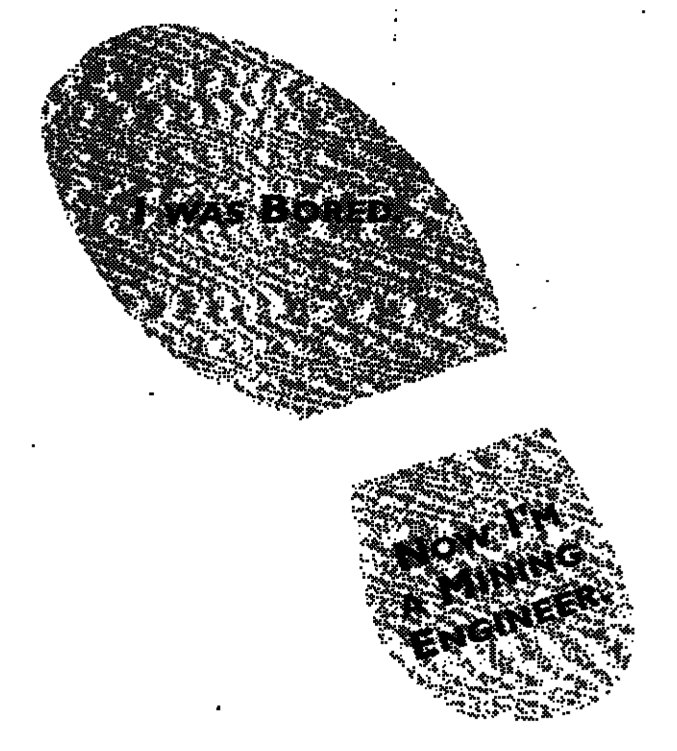
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POSTS

WEST SUFFOLK College
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PRINCIPAL (CHIEF EXECUTIVE)

The Corporation of West Suffolk College invites applications for the post of Principal (Chief Executive) to succeed John Shipston, who is to retire on 31 August 1995.

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Please apply in writing enclosing your curriculum vitae to Chairman of Governors, c/o Juliet Relph, Personnel Manager, West Suffolk College, Out Risbygate, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3RL; telephone 01284 716213 (direct line).

Closing date for applications is 17 March 1995.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

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A Chair will be available for a suitable successful candidate.

Closing date 24th March, 1995.

Please quote reference when applying.

Tel: 0151-231 3564 or 0151-231 3520 24 hour answerphone

Further particulars are available from: Personnel Services,
Liverpool John Moores University,
Rodney House, Mount Pleasant,
Liverpool L3 5UX.
EMAIL JOBS @ UK.AC.LIVJM.

POSTS

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HEAD
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Palace Street, SW1

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The new Head will bring to the post proven skills in the development of high standards of quality and academic achievement in an inner city school.

Salary will be in the range spine points 38-44 according to *experience and qualifications and there are London allowances* totalling £2,772.

Please write or telephone for further particulars to the Clerk and Receiver, 53 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HJ (0171 828 3055).

The closing date for applications is 20 March 1995.

RESEARCH

JAPAN FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE
GRANTS FOR RESEARCH

The annual income from a donation made by the Japan Foundation is available for disbursement by a Committee established under the auspices of the former UGC, specifically for the promotion of the academic subject of Japanese Studies in degree awarding institutions within the UK. In 1992 the Committee revised its method of operation, and now *only invites applications for small grants* for the support of research; it should be noted that grants are normally unlikely to exceed £5,000, and that most will be substantially smaller. Applicants should be members of staff in UK degree-awarding institutions; applications may not be made directly by students, although grants may be sought by staff for the support of research student projects. Student coursework cannot be funded.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Japan Foundation Endowment Committee, c/o the University of Sheffield, Firth Court, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2UH, by whom completed applications must be recievd by Friday 28 April 1995 at the latest.

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Further details may be obtained from: Mrs Judith Brown, The Gerald Averay Wainwright Near Eastern Archaeological *Fund, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD,* to whom entries may be sent at any time during the academic year 1994-95, but by 22 September 1995 at the latest.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF essex

Department of Law
TWO POSTS OF READER/ SENIOR LECTURER/LECTURER

Due to its continuing expansion this Department is seeking to fill two further academic staff posts. Appointments will be made at Reader/Senior Lecturer/Lecturer level depending upon experience and qualifications of the successful applicants.

The Department is committed to excellence of research and teaching. Both research and teaching are carried out in teams within the Department and in interdisciplinary groups.

Applications are particularly welcomed from those with an interest in Common Law, Trusts, Public Law or International Law.

Salary will be on the Senior Lecturer scale (£27,018 - £30,533 per annum), the Lecturer A scale (£14,756 - £19,326 per annum) or the Lecturer B scale (£20,133 - £25,735 per annum).

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor J Dine on Colchester (01206) 873542.

***Applications (12 copies), including a curriculum* vitae and the names and addresses of two referees, should reach the Personnel Officer (S/672/T), University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex, CO4 3SQ by 12th April 1995. Further particulars of this post may be obtained by telephoning Colchester (01206) 872462 (24 hours).**

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POSTS

WORCESTER COLLEGE OXFORD

Appeal Director

The College wishes to appoint an Appeal Director from 1 July 1995 or a soon as possible thereafter. A five year Campaign will begin in 1996.

The post is open equally to men and women. The successful applicant will have energy and good organisational skills, and be capable of projecting the *needs of the College with commitment and enthusiasm.* Previous experience of fund raising would be an advantage.

The appointment will be for a fixed term of five years, at a stipend within the range £25,000 - £35,000, and carrying a Fellowship of the College with full membership of the Governing Body and Common Room.

Further particulars and an application form may be obtained from the Bursar's Secretary, Worcester College, *Oxford OX1 2HB, Tel. 01865 278335. Fax:* 01865 278387. Closing date for completed applications is 3 April.

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For further information please contact:
The College Marketing Office, Stratford-upon-Avon College, The Willows North, Alcester Road, Stratford-upon-Avon Warwickshire

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LECTURESHIPS

The Queen's University of Belfast

LECTURESHIP IN LATER MEDIEVAL HISTORY OR LECTURESHIP IN AMERICAN HISTORY

This lectureship has been established to enhance the School's research output and to support teaching in either later medieval British and Irish history, or, the history of the USA in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Applicants must have a degree or equivalent in history, a doctorate and publications in either of these areas which will make a significant contribution to the School's forthcoming Research Assessment.

Informal enquiries to Professor Jupp, Director of School ((01232) 245133 ext 3423).

Salary Scale: Lecturer Grade A: £14,756 - £19,326, or, for suitably qualified applicants, Grade B: £20,133 - £25,737 per annum with eligibility for USS. Assistance with relocation as appropriate.

Applications, including a full curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees, *should* be addressed to the Personnel Officer, The Queen's University of Belfast *BT7 1NN, Northern Ireland* ((01232 245133 ext 3044/3246 or FAX (01232) *324944/310629). Closing date:* 24 March 1995.

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UNIVERSITY OF essex

Department of Law
TEACHING FELLOWS/ SENIOR TEACHING FELLOWS

The Department of Law is responsible to an *expanding student body and wishes to make* three appointments to Teaching Fellowships, *tenable from 1st September 1995. Applicants* should be qualified in law, preferably with some *experience in teaching law at undergraduate* level. Ideally candidates should have expertise in educational methods of teaching as well as assessment, curriculum design and the creation and development of core legal skills.

Appointments will be within the salary range £13,941 - £25,735 per annum and will be on three year rolling contracts.

Applications (10 copies), including a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses *of two referees, should reach the Personnel* Officer (L/673/T), University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex, CO4 3SQ by 12th April 1995. Further particulars of this post *may be obtained* by telephoning Colchester (01206) 872462 (24 hours).

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UNIVERSITY OF KENT AT CANTERBURY

DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

The University of Kent at Canterbury invites applications for the newly established post of Director of Personnel.

The Director will be Head of the Personnel Office which provides a comprehensive range of Personnel, Staff Development, Equal Opportunity and Industrial Relation services to the university. It is expected that the Director will hold IPD or other relevant professional qualifications, will have significant experience in Personnel Management, preferably with Higher Education, and be educated to graduate level.

For further details please contact the Registrar's Office, The University, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ. Telephone *(01227) 762349 Fax (01227) 451684, Email:* T.J.Mead@ukc.ac.uk. For an informal discussion about the post, perspective applicants may contact the Registrar, Dr Timothy Mead, as above.

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5,777.20	Abbey Natl	440	- 7	5.2	9.2
1,746.50	Allied Irish	262	- 8	5.4	10.1
3,004.90	Aus New Z	222	+ 5	5.1	8.1
18,413.40	Bank Americat	2975	- 25		
2,936.10	Bank Scotland	198½	- 1½	3.3	11.2
9,930.50	Barclays	607	- 10	3.4	14.8
1,440.70	Bk of Ireland	303	- 3	4.8	8.8
10,705.20	Citicorp	2750	- 37½		
219.90	Close Bros	221	- 2	4.1	10.4
4,772.00	Commerzbk	£146	+ 15½	5.9	
34,853.70	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1109¾	- 34¾	0.5	
14,771.70	Deutsche Bk	£311½	+ 26¾	2.3	
148.10	Espirito Santo	693¾	- 65¾	11.6	...
117.30	First Nat Fin†	89½	+ ½	2.7	44.4
38,326.60	Fuji Bank Y	1322¾	- 29¾	0.4	...
372.40	Hambros	217	- 22	8.9	13.0
5,486.90	HSBC	644	- 22	5.4	7.9
11,278.20	HSBC HK	643	- 20	5.4	7.8
20.60	Joseph (L)	388	- 5	5.7	11.3
763.60	Kleinwort Bens	572	- 33¼	4.7	11.1
7,328.10	Lloyds	585	- 10	5.7	9.5
6,719.90	Nat Aus Bk	502	- 3	6.7	8.8
8,476.60	Nat Westf	488	- 1¾	5.5	7.9
118.80	Ottoman Bank	2375	+ 100	6.1	5.7
24.90	Rea Bros	80	- 2	2.0	16.8
3,312.30	Ryl Bk Scot	413	+ 17	4.2	11.8
1,445.00	Schroders	1445	- 68	1.6	13.2
379.30	Schroders NV	1308	- 47	1.8	12.0
158.20	Singer & Fried	82	- 1	4.8	10.6
2,489.30	Stand Chart	259	+ 3	3.1	8.9
3,590.20	TSB†	234½	- 5½	4.8	10.0
1,498.20	Warburg SG	681	- 37	4.0	12.5
5,532.90	Wells Fargo	8987½	- 25	2.8	..
4,101.20	Westpac	225½	- 5	2.4	..
18.30	Wintrust†	215	- 5	6.2	14.4

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
40.80	Ascot Hldgs	148	- 3		
4,481.00	Bass	517	+ 3	5.2	12.6
299.10	Boddington	246	+ 4	4.6	12.4
35.60	Burtonwd Brw	171		3.7	14.3
33.10	Eldridge P 'A'	160	- 5	3.2	19.4
1,802.60	Fosters Brewing	56	+ 1	4.9	14.7
70.00	Fullr Sm 'A'	343	+ 3	2.9	14.2
848.90	Greenalls Grp	406	- 5	4.0	13.4
300.10	Greene King	472	+ 3	3.5	12.8
52.60	Hardy Hansnt	263	+ 2	4.5	12.8
3.61	Heavitree	156		3.6	-
104.80	Holt J	3380		1.8	18.6
148.90	Mansfield	332	- 2	2.5	14.2
242.10	Marstn Thmp	269	- 6	2.8	13.1
96.60	Morland	445	..	3.0	13.4
8.35	Paramount	7	...	4.4	16.4
48.40	Regent Inns†	329	+ 6¼	2.2	16.8
4,111.30	SA Breweries	1481¼		1.9	24.0
2,659.30	Scot & New	498	- 10	4.4	14.3
300.80	Vaux Group	315	- 2	5.7	12.1
172.40	Wetherspoon JD	475	+ 7	1.7	26.1
2,782.40	Whitbread	532	- 7	4.5	14.5
325.90	Wolvrhmptn D	490	+ 1	3.5	12.7
78.80	Yates Bros	301	+ 1	2.4	15.8
13.30	Young 'A'	460	.	4.1	19.5

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

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50.40	Abbey	130	...	5.0	9.5

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
25.90	ABI Lees	96	+ 1	5.3	11.0
56.70	Acal	394	- 10	3.0	15.9
23.40	Adam & Harvey	545	- 10	3.6	6.8
7.66	Alexanders†	19		6.6	-
61.80	Appleyard	93	+ 2	7.8	16.4
11.30	Ass Br Eng	4¼		1.5	30.3
138.90	BSS Group	530		4.3	18.7
7.31	Beaning Powert	21	- 1	6.0	10.8
15.20	Bletchley Mtr	250	+ 2	5.2	10.3
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28		3.1	11.8
157.20	Brammer	350	+ 2	4.6	19.4
3.85	Bridgend Gp	14		1.8	72.8
22.40	Brit Fittings	94		3.0	.
11.70	Brown & Tawse	36	- 5	.	.
41.20	Bunzlene	39	+ 1	6.2	-
8.25	Caffyns	250	- 8	5.7	41.1
14.10	Caskey Plc	15	- 1	9.2	8.3
9.73	Central Mtr	71		4.8	47.3
15.00	Cook (DC)	35	- 1	4.1	10.7
399.30	Cowie	248	+ 19	4.7	-
32.20	Dag Motors	133	- 1	6.1	15.3
25.80	Dennans El	588	..	1.4	14.5
234.80	Diploma	420	- 9	4.0	14.7
1,047.30	Electrocomps	498	- 2	2.6	20.4
39.80	Electron Houset	156	- 2	2.8	13.1
305.20	Ellis & Everard†	346	- 5	4.0	16.3
94.60	Eurodollar	193		5.5	15.1
50.90	European Mtr	95	- 4	6.0	10.3
118.10	Evans Halshaw	369	- 4	4.8	17.6
736.30	Farnell Elect	545	- 1	1.8	22.4
6.64	Fife Indmar	54	- 1	6.4	7.9
22.00	Gardiner†	30½	+ ½	4.9	
4.05	Glenchewton	16	- 4		17.7
6.46	Goodwyns	71	.	3.5	21.5
22.90	Hallan Hldgs	62			48.4
18.10	Harris (Philip)	168	...	5.1	14.7
128.30	Headys	269	+ 10	4.0	-
2.78	Holders Tech	89	- 4	8.4	9.6
39.50	ISA Intl	98	- 1	2.2	12.4
1,586.30	Inchcape	301	+ 5	6.2	10.0
6.26	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
248.40	Kwik-Fit	144	- 2	3.5	16.5
279.20	Lex Service	293	+ 12	6.1	15.1
33.50	Lookers	172	- 1	5.6	9.2
22.90	Manys Grp	14		2.2	
39.70	Metoleser	7	- ½		
39.50	Nortbain	380	+ 10	0.7	17.0
15.30	Northamber	90	- 1	1.8	38.2
13.40	PCT	152		6.1	14.7
85.60	Pendragon	227	- 1	4.1	14.9
32.30	Perry Gp	127½	- 2½	6.9	7.0
31.10	Quicks Group	135	+ 5	4.9	14.2
14.80	REA	163	- 2	4.6	33.7
4.87	Reece	2¼			..
5.61	Ross Gp	4		6.2	
32.00	SEP Indlt	39½	- ½	3.3	-
14.40	TLS Range	40	- 1	3.1	16.1
120.50	Time Products	227		4.8	15.3
81.00	Vardy (Reg)	175	+ 5	3.8	12.9
34.50	Wholesale Figs†	243	+ 3¼	6.0	21.7
25.40	Wills Gp	14½	- 1	4.3	8.1
55.90	Witchaw	67½	- 1	1.2	22.8
20.30	Wykor†	63	- 2	2.1	27.4
12.40	Young (H)	75		6.0	14.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
127.40	Adwest	156	- 1	6.0	15.8
413.30	Antofagasta	263	- 32	1.7	21.3
15.90	Armour	43½	- ½	5.3	9.0
14,100.00	Broken Hill	851	- 11	2.3	18.7
11,441.50	BTR	314½	- 1	6.0	16.6

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.60	Locker (T) A	12	..	4.2	..
45.80	ML Hdgst	29		5.0	10.1
6.03	MS Intl	22		8.5	13.3
25.40	Mang Bronze	154	- 1	3.2	12.0
380.60	McKechnie	300	- 3	4.7	22.9
173.30	Meggitt	80	+ 1	6.1	12.9
98.20	Metalr	108		4.3	17.9
20.30	Metsec	131		2.9	18.2
166.60	Molins	490		4.0	9.9

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
274.50	Bankers	177	..	2.8	..
40.10	Baring Em Eu	#32¼	- 4¼	0.4	..
157.50	Baring Tribunet	307	- 3	2.7	.
11.40	Berry Starq	220	- 1	1.2	.
288.70	Br Assets	87	- 1	6.3	...
112.10	Br Empire Sec	84	- 1½	1.4	...
3.46	Br Empire Wts	26	- 2	.	
630.20	Br Inv	282	- 1	3.1	
52.30	Brazilian	83¾	- 4¾	0.4	.

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
16.90	Murray Eurot	56½	- 1	0.8	.
0.84	Murray Eu Wts	14	..	..	...
268.90	Murray Income	212	- 5½	4.9	
377.40	Murray Intl	314	+ 3½	5.1	
10.40	Murray S/C 0P	163		...	
7.11	Murray S/C Cap	127	- 1		
5.92	Murray S/C Inct	74	.	17.9	
1.66	Murray S/C Ulst	3000	.	4.4	
216.50	Murray Small	386	- 7	1.4	.

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
20.50	Border TV†	201	- 1	2.7	17.6
57.50	Bristol	353	...	4.4	35.9
4,321.90	B Sky B	252	+ 2½	...	47.5
54.90	CIA Gp	134	..	1.6	21.7
34.10	Caledonian Med	23	- ½	...	
271.90	Capital Radio	373	- 9	2.4	23.3
2,044.70	Carlton Comm	889	+ 10½	2.9	16.3
6.79	City of Lon	85		6.4	13.1
69.80	Daily Mail	1393¼	+ 9¼	1.5	23.7

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
27.30	I&S UK Smlr	94	.	3.7	...
301.80	Inv Capt	122	- 2	5.3	..
32.00	Intl Biotech	65	- 1	...	...
	Intl Wts	27	- 1	...	...
29.30	INVESCO Korea	127	- 3	...	..
25.20	J Fry 2nd Ut	87	- 1	8.5	...
9.37	J Fry Euro U	88	- 2	7.0	..
118.10	JF Fledg Jap	187½	+ 1½	...	..
25.20	Jupiter Intl Grnt	100	+ 1	4.2	..
162.80	Klnwt Chrt	201	- 3	3.2	-
28.70	Klnwt E Mkt	101½	- 3	..	..

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
10.10	Brent Walker	2¼	- ¼	..	...
11.00	Bristol Scotts	178	- 2	2.1	...
0.90	Buckingham Int	¼	- 1½	...	...
67.60	Chrysalis	254	...	...	...
138.40	City Centre Rest	72	- 3	3.1	14.8
740.80	Compass Gpt	311	- 5	2.7	16.2
65.00	Eurocamp†	247	+ 4	5.3	11.0
1,139.90	Euro Disney	149	+ 1	...	...
19.90	Euro Leisure	2½	..		...
14.70	Fairline Boats†	420	- 4	4.6	19.4
169.50	First Choice†	107	+ ½	4.5	26.0

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25.20	Klnwt Euro Wts	25¼	+ ½	...	
24.00	Klnwt H Inct	80	- 2	12.5	
177.20	Klnwt O'seas	221	- 3	1.9	-
15.40	Klnwt Smlr	117	- 1	3.3	...
76.40	Latin American	65	- 7¼	...	..
168.90	Law Debenture	744	+ 10	3.3	..

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451.80	First Leisuret	276	+ 11	3.2	17.5
2,227.80	Forte	236	- 3	4.0	27.9
31.80	Friendly Hotels	160	..	4.5	38.8
7.24	GR Hldgs	56		2.5	
2,991.50	Granadat	514	+ 2	2.4	15.3
20.60	Groupe Chez Gar	110	- 2	...	15.2
14.70	Hi-Tec Sports	29	...	12.0	4.3
8.21	Hornby	111	- 1	10.1	9.7

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25.60	Brown Dolphin†	125	+ 1	5.0	9.6
521.90	Caledonia	628	- 3	3.3	17.2
57.50	Camellia	2300	- 100	1.7	6.1
28.60	Carlisle	18	- ½	1.7	
139.50	Cater Allen	428	- 10	8.3	8.8
210.30	Cattles	155	- 2	4.2	17.4
6.11	Christie	26	- 2	.	57.5
8.79	EFG	14½	..	0.9	9.5
34.10	EFT Group	68½	+ ½	3.2	14.4
138.70	EFM	731	- 3	4.1	22.0
216.80	Expo	176	- 4	6.0	4.8
330.50	Gartmore	164	- 4½	3.0	19.0
196.30	Gerrard Nat	403	- 35	7.4	11.6
208.60	Govett	294	- 6	6.1	5.0
211.50	Henderson Ad	979	+ 1	5.7	13.6
436.20	Invesco	166	- 3	2.8	27.2
12.78	Investment Co.	46	- 2	4.8	14.7
58.00	Ivory Sime	200½	- 3½	4.7	15.6
2,180.40	Jardine Strat	230¾	- 9	3.5	9.5
17.40	Johnson Fry	118	- 5	1.6	3.7
18.00	King Shaxson	82	- 5	12.2	9.1
143.10	Lon Forfaitng	141	- 4	8.8	-
70.90	Lon Scot Bnq	117	...	4.4	15.3
717.20	M & G	964	- 5	3.9	16.9
745.80	MAI	228	- 9	4.3	12.4
	MAI 5.8% Cv Pf	80	- 2	..	
1,948.30	MAM	742	- 21	3.9	17.3
12.70	Nat Home Loan	11	+ ¼	...	1.0
323.90	Perpetual	1213	- 4	3.6	13.1
734.90	Provident	548	- 8	4.8	13.1
53.90	Rathbone Bs	275	- 5	3.9	13.6
62.60	Rutland Tst	25¼	- ¼	4.5	12.8
36.60	S & U	310		4.4	10.1
24.50	Shorelink	145	+ 1	7.8	5.4
293.20	SJP Capital	107	- 2	3.5	7.6
328.50	Smith New Ct	486	+ 44	2.6	5.6
17.60	Towry Law	75	- 1	7.8	17.5
20.00	Trio Hldgs	24	..	0.5	39.4
19.80	Union	75	- 9	5.1	-
3.60	Western Selectnt	24	- 2	1.3	..

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
224.80	Brit Biotech	465	+ 26	..	
18.30	Cantab Pharms	165	- 133	..	..
180.10	Celltech	254	- 9	..	
84.30	Chiroscience	124			
37.80	Cortecs	34			
1,047.00	Fisons	151½	+ 26½	2.2	
20,152.20	Glaxo†	659	+ 30	5.3	15.9
81.70	Grampian Hdg	117½	+ 2½	5.9	21.7
512.50	Medeva	179	+ 3	2.0	14.4
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32.90	Quality Caret	235		2.4	11.6
222.20	Scotia	344	- 5	..	...

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11.30	ERA Gp	9	..	...	
14.10	Essex Furn	124	+ 5	4.7	13.6
119.40	Etam	182	...	5.3	10.1
255.40	Fine Art Dev	320½	- 9½	5.7	9.9
2.79	Fred Earth	49	- 9		
17.30	Flying Flowers†	96	- 1½	2.5	12.4
49.90	French Conn	277	+ 3	.	11.7
164.70	Frost Group	234	.	2.9	23.6
12.10	Gieves	53	.	3.5	18.9
27.40	Goldsmiths Gp	125	- 2	1.9	22.4
5,271.40	GUS†	524	+ 11	3.2	15.1
42.40	Hamleys	186	- 3	3.2	17.9
5.70	Hampden Grp	38	+ 3	3.3	..
335.20	Hse of Fraser	146	- 5	4.3	13.1
16.50	Hughes (TJ)	80	..	4.0	13.1
75.00	JJB Sports	250	- 1	3.0	15.3
2,828.10	Kingfisher	439	+ 16	4.2	11.5
15.00	Kleeneze†	108	- 1	1.7	30.7
56.00	Liberty	250	..	2.4	...
345.10	Lloyds Chem	284	+ 2	4.2	9.2
640.30	MFI	110	- 4	4.7	13.8
10,511.90	Marks Spencer	378½	+ 1½	3.2	16.7
286.30	Menzies (John)†	515	+ 3	3.0	12.2
58.00	Moss Bros	347	- 2	3.1	13.7
989.20	Next	259	- 4	3.3	15.9
1.69	OEM	31	..	...	...
23.50	Oliver (G)	93	- 1	1.4	-
18.40	Partridge Fine	88	- 3	4.8	-
15.10	Pennes	#4½	- 3½	..	...
51.40	QS Hldgs	130	- 5	5.0	14.2
8.72	Ramo Grp	8	- ½		...
23.50	Rosebys	117	- 3	5.1	13.7
1,493.30	Sears	98½		4.7	16.7
49.80	Signet Group	17	- 1	..	5.8
1,145.90	Smith WHt	411	- 11	4.8	21.1
235.80	Sotheby's	695	- 8	3.7	33.6
894.60	Storehouse	215	- 9	3.3	17.8
49.20	Stylo	169	- 4	2.0	11.4
102.40	T & S Stores	158	- 1	4.9	11.2
50.90	Tie Rack	99	- ½	2.2	11.8
5.44	Upton & South	3½	- ¼	...	...
309.00	Vendome	442	+ 8	2.2	34.0
39.30	WEW Group	27	- 1	3.2	22.8
7.26	Wld of Leather	60	.	1.6	...
59.70	Wyevale	156	...	3.7	16.5

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,273.60	Allied Domecq	512	+ 7	5.5	13.8
210.30	Bulmer (HP)	399	- 1	3.5	21.6
67.00	Burn Stewart	113	- 2	5.5	24.8
7,947.70	Grand Met†	381	+ 3½	4.6	17.2
8,479.80	Guinness	420	+ 1	3.9	13.8
522.80	Highland Dist	394	- 1	2.3	18.0
237.70	Macallan-Glen	204	- 3	0.7	53.5
58.00	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	650	- 10	1.9	28.0
250.60	Matthew Clark†	546	+ 2	4.3	25.1

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Close Brothers, Learmonth & Burchett (Q3), Redrow Group.
Finals: ASW Holdings, BBA Group, British Polythene Industries, British Vita, Burnfield, Cementone, Inveresk, M&G Income Investment Trust, M&G Recovery Investment Trust, Meckle International, Metal Bulletin, Relyon Group, Select Appointments, Smith & Nephew, Suter, Turnpyke Group, USDC Investment Trust, WSP Group.
Economic statistics: National *food survey: Household food* consumption (Q4).

TOMORROW

Interims: BZW Convertible Investment Trust (Q2), Perpetual Japanese, Polypipe, SWP Group.
Finals: Baltic, Barclays, Beta Global Emerging Markets, Brent International, Canadian Pizza, CRH, De Beers, Fisons, Independent Insurance Group, Irish Permanent, Kalon Group, Kerry Group, MAID, Microvitec, Parity, Partco Group, Rentokil Group, TI Group, Trade Indemnity Group, Transport Development.
Economic statistics: Advance energy statistics (January), housing starts and completions (*January*).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Beazer Homes, British Biotech (Q3), Hays, Lloyds Chemists, New Throgmorton (Q3), Scottish Asian Investment.
Finals: BAT Industries, Barr & Wallace Arnold, Bluebird Toys, Brandon Hire, Cadbury Schweppes, Calderburn, Cape, Cookson Group, Commercial Union, Gibbs & Dandy, Hambro Countrywide, Ladbroke Group, Laporte, More O'Ferrall, North Midland Construction, Roxboro Group, RTZ Corp, Sema Group, SIG, Standard Chartered, T&N, Victaulic, Waste Recycling Group.
Economic statistics: Index of production (January).

THURSDAY

Interims: *A&J Mucklow*, Baring Emerging Europe, Cornwell Parker, Logica, A&J Mucklow, Raine.
Finals: *Arjo Wiggins Appleton*, BTR, T Clarke, Christies International, Courtaulds Textiles, GKN, Gestetner Holdings, *Hillsdown, IMI, Instem*, Litho Supplies, MTL Instruments, New Guernsey Securities, Pentland Group, Rolls-Royce, Rolls-Royce Power Engineering, Telemetrix.
Economic statistics: Balance of global visible trade (December), cyclical indicators for the UK economy (January — second estimate).

FRIDAY

Interims: Thomas Walker.
Finals: Exco, Expamet International, Gartmore Emerging Pacific, Group Development Capital, Persona Group, Serif, Thornton Pan Euro Investment.
Economic statistics: Useable steel production (February), construction output (Q4).

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** GKN, Wm Sinclair, Fisons. *The Observer*: **Buy** Rentokil, Thorn EMI, Commercial Union. *The Independent On Sunday*: **Buy** Cadbury Schweppes, Clyde Blowers, Morris Ashby. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** De Beers, GKN, Emap. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Buy** Leslie Wise Group, AAH.

COMPANIES

PHILIP PANGALOS

Sharp profit rise for Barclays

Star turn: Martin Taylor, Barclays chief executive, is riding high on a dividend forecast of 20p

BARCLAYS: As the banks' reporting season continues, tomorrow's full-year figures from Barclays are expected to maintain the trend of sharply higher profits on the back of substantially lower bad-debt provisions. NatWest Securities is looking for Barclays's final pre-tax profits to surge by 179 per cent to £1.85 billion, compared with £664 million last time, reflecting a big drop in bad debts to £703 million (£1.91 billion).

Pre-provision profits are projected to fall by 11 per cent to £2.33 billion. But costs are also expected to decline, with a 4 per cent drop predicted to £4.56 billion, reflecting the increasing benefits of the 19 per cent reduction in staff that has taken place over the past five years. A substantially higher dividend of 20p (15.2p) is forecast.

SMITH & NEPHEW: Today's final figures from the healthcare products group should show solid underlying sales and profit growth, with strong performances in South-East Asia and Japan. However, profits will be affected by adverse currency moves.

NatWest Securities expects final pre-tax profits to climb to £172 million (£157.6 million), giving earnings of 10.6p (10.15p) a share.

Market profit forecasts range from £172 million to £176 million. However, on an FRS3 basis, profits will be hammered by a £148 million exceptional loss on the disposal of the company's loss-making Ioptex eye care business in America. An improved dividend of 5.25p (4.91p) is predicted.

REDROW GROUP: The building group that came to the market last May will provide further evidence on how the fragile housing market is coping with recent rises in interest rates and uncertainty about economic recovery.

Christopher Grant, at BZW, is looking for interim pre-tax profits, due later today, to advance to £14.5 million (£12.3 million), with a dividend of 1.1p predicted. Attention, however, will focus on what Redrow has to say about the effects in the early part of this year of higher interest rates on an already struggling housing market.

LADBROKE GROUP: The hotels, gaming and property group should turn in a steady performance when it reports full-year results on Wednesday.

Simon Johnson at BZW has pencilled in final pre-tax profits, before exceptionals, of about £134 million, up from £117.5 million, giving earnings of 7.9p (7.1p) a share. A dividend of 6.2p (6p) is predicted. Attention, however, will focus on how Ladbroke's management intends to tackle the core hotel and gaming divisions after the exit from the intensely competitive do-it-yourself market with January's sale of the Texas Homecare DIY chain to J Sainsbury for £290 million.

The hotels operation should show an improving UK environment, with London going particularly well, though Europe is patchy in places and conditions in the important Far East market are still challenging.

The gaming division should see betting recovering nicely, particularly with the introduction of fruit machines this year, though the National Lottery is likely to have had an adverse effect on betting.

FISONS: It is clear after last week's disposal of the group's scientific instruments division for £202 million, that the new management is getting to grips with the group's problems.

Brokers will be paying close attention to tomorrow's final figures. Pre-tax profits are expected to have virtually doubled to £50 million, although a lot will depend on currency translations.

RENTOKIL: Clive Thompson's forecast of earnings growth of 20 per cent per year is likely to be met this time round, but it seems an increasingly difficult goal. Pre-tax profits are expected to grow from £147 million to £176.5 million in tomorrow's full-year figures.

BAT INDUSTRIES: The share price has been depressed in recent weeks by the efforts of the anti-smoking lobby in the US courts.

Full-year, pre-tax profits on Wednesday, however, should be up from £1.6 billion to £1.9 billion, helped by a strong performance from its tobacco division.

Results from its financial services arm paint a mixed picture, with the Northridge earthquake taking its toll on Farmers in the US, while back home, Eagle Star will have suffered from lower returns from depressed financial markets.

RTZ CORPORATION: RTZ, whose wide spread of metal interests largely insulates it from the worst effects of metal price swings, is poised to report a sharp profits advance on Wednesday when figures for the year ended December 31 are announced.

Geoff Allum and Ian Hilliker, analysts at NatWest Securities, note that total copper production at RTZ has risen by 7 per cent, aluminium and iron by 2 per cent and coal, mainly due to acquisitions, by 35 per cent over the year, while group production of gold has declined by 5 per cent.

They have pencilled in net profits of £550 million compared with £342 million seen for 1993, equivalent to net earnings of 51.5p a share (35.1p a share previously). Such earnings should easily support a full 1p a share increase in the year's total dividend to 21.5p a share, they suggest.

CADBURY SCHWEPPES: Cadbury has already announced that last year's pre-tax profits will not be less than £475 million. The profit forecast accompanied the offer for Dr Pepper/Seven-Up.

Credit Lyonnais Laing expects final pre-tax profits to advance to £481.3 million (£416.4 million), with a dividend of 15.6p (14.4p) predicted. The hot summer weather is likely to have provided a healthy boost to beverage sales.

COMMERCIAL UNION: Full-year figures on Wednesday should contain a first-quarter contribution from Group Victoire, which was acquired in October. NatWest Securities, the stockbroker, expects the French insurer to chip in with an itital £26 million, lifting CU's performance to £385 million against £211 million the year before.

BTR: Improved margins should help the industrial conglomerate's final pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, to climb to £1.28 billion (£1.15 billion), according to NatWest Securities. A dividend of 13.3p (12.25p) is forecast.

NatWest expects margins to have risen in the second half, from 15.2 per cent in the first half to about 15.5 per cent, making 15.4 per cent for the year. This would follow the first half's slide in margins from the 15.7 per cent level achieved in 1993.

ROLLS-ROYCE: Full-year figures on Thursday should start to reveal the benefits of recent cost-cutting measures within the group's aerospace division, which has resulted in the closure, or running down, of seven of the 12 sites. Pre-tax profits are expected to show a 42 per cent increase to £108 million, with aeroengine production increasing in the second half to a total 400.

City banks on May for the next interest rate rise

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

The adage "sell in May and go away", which sometimes works to guide investors on stock market investments, may take on a new meaning this year. A poll of economists in the City by Reuters, the news agency, plumps for May as the most likely month for the next interest rate rise from the present 6.75 per cent.

So what does this leave the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England to talk about on Wednesday? The best guess is that they will want to consider the economic statistics since September in detail to see how well inflation is being contained. They will look at inflation to see if it peaks within the 4 per cent ceiling. On present trends, economists expect interest rates to peak at 7.75 per cent at the end of the year.

Latest clues on how the British economy is performing will come on Wednesday with the manufacturing output and industrial production figures. Year-on-year manufacturing output is expected to fall from 5.3 per cent to 4.3 per cent for January after a 0.3 per cent month-on-month rise.

Thursday brings news of global visible trade for December. A deficit of anywhere between £1.1 billion and £1.4 billion is possible after last month's £640 million.

The thoughts of many in the City may well lie on the other side of the Atlantic this week as the world's central banks battle to support the dollar. The trigger for last week's fall was a series of statements from the US Federal Reserve that it could see less need for interest rate rises as the economy slowed down gently.

The United States publishes a raft of money supply, bank credit and employment figures on Thursday and Friday, which will be scrutinised for clues to the future of interest rates.

GEORGE SIVELL

Smaller firms too slow on non-execs

By Liz Dolan

SMALLER companies are still fighting shy of appointing independent non-executive directors to their boards, according to Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman of the Cadbury Committee on Corporate Governance.

When the committee meets for the last time tomorrow, this will emerge as one of the areas that still requires urgent attention. Sir Adrian, speaking on BBC Radio 4's *In Business* programme yesterday, said: "That will be an issue for our successor body to decide what to do about."

Conversely, larger companies had responded well to the committee's call for more independent non-executive directors on the boards of British companies. Sir Adrian said that this was one of several achievements by the committee since it first met in 1992.

There had been notable developments in corporate structure, with many companies splitting the post of chairman and chief executive. Several companies had also set up audit and remuneration committees, as required by the Cadbury Code.

Sir Adrian said that, when the committee meets tomorrow: "We will find some real changes in structure — the splitting of the posts of charman and chief executive; more non-executives on boards; and, much more importantly, more independent non-executives on boards. And we will see the formation of audit and remuneration committees.

"But, we will see a major difference between the larger companies and the smaller-to-medium companies, and see that the smaller companies will not have met the Cadbury Code's recommendations on the number of non-executive directors."

The purpose of the committee's valedictory meeting is to discuss its final research on how effectively Cadbury's guidelines have been implemented.

Sir Adrian: 'changes'

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Young to launch fightback on top directors' pay

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

THE Government is set to fight back in the row over pay rises for top executives of privatised utilities by emphasising the benefits to Britain and industry of the privatisation programme.

The move comes on the eve of Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas, being questioned again by MPs on his pay package and is a clear attempt by ministers to push public debate away from the damaging issue of top pay and towards what has widely been seen as a success for the Conservatives.

MPs on the Commons' all-party Employment Select Committee will quiz Mr Brown and Richard Giordano, British Gas's chairman, tomorrow on pay after the disclosure of new bonus arrangements for top British Gas executives in addition to Mr Brown's recent 75 per cent salary increase.

But today, Sir George Young, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, will go on the offensive. In a speech in London to a conference on world privatisation, Sir George will emphasise the primary benefits of taking industries out of the public and into the private sector — better performance, better for consumers, better management and better for public finances.

Maintaining that the Government has overturned conventional wisdom in this area, he will say that privatisation of the utilities has been one of the most striking successes of the range of policies through which this Government is marrying private sector skills to public sector services."

He will also highlight what the Government sees as the under publicised secondary benefits of privatisation. These include the increase in the number of private shareholders and the demystification of the procedure of buying and selling shares. He will also point to the creation of new industries, embracing the way road networks are planned, financed and operated, and the establishment of highly marketable City expertise on privatisation, currently being sought around the world.

Sir George said yesterday that the move was part of a strategy to put the privatisation debate "back on the main road, focusing on the fundamentals" rather than on the less important issue of executive pay, which he said had been fully dealt with last week by John Major, in promising to consider legislation on the issue if necessary.

Speaking to *The Times*, Sir George said he thought the arguments over the pay of senior directors in privatised utilities had "obscured" the successes of privatisation. He argued that the issue ranged beyond the utilities to general company pay through the subject of share options, which will be examined in the Commons this week in the committee consideration of the Finance Bill.

He pointed out that most of the public argument about privatisation was won, citing as evidence that the Labour Party has few commitments to return privatised businesses to the public sector.

Labour is likely to seize on Sir George's speech today as evidence of how far the row over top pay in the utilities has rattled the Government, and that ministers are now seeking to sidestep the issue.

Sir George Young wants to put the privatisation debate "back on the main road"

Belling pension members hope for third time lucky

By Liz Dolan

THE 1,500 members of the Belling pension fund will this week learn whether they have won their battle with the Law Society for nearly £3 million.

Law Debenture, the independent trustee, maintains that, as the money was missing fom a client account, the pension fund should be compensated by the Law Society's compensation fund.

The compensation fund committee meets on Wednesday to decide whether it should reverse two earlier decisions — last March and last June — to reject the claim. On both those occasions, it ruled that the problem was a pensions matter and, therefore, nothing to do with the society.

The compensation committee only agreed to a further hearing after Law Debenture had obtained leave for a judicial review.

If the money is not repaid, the pensions of up to 850 deferred pensioners could be affected.

The claim relates to the payment of US$3.5 million by the fund's previous trustees to the solicitor, Charles Deacon, in May 1991 as advance interest on a $50 million loan.

However, the loan, which had been intended to prop up ailing businesses owned by Belling, did not materialise.

Belling went into liquidation in February 1993 and the pension fund was wound up. When Mr Deacon was declared bankrupt two months later, the cash was no longer in his client account. The trustees claim that it had been misappropriated by him.

Andy Gibson, of the Law Debenture Trust Corporations, said: "We think our claim is valid. We got a judgment against Mr Deacon in the civil court in May 1993, but he was bankrupt and couldn't pay."

Mr Gibson added: "If the Law Society rejects our application for the third time, we will first analyse the reasons and, if our lawyers feel the reasoning is not sound, we will go for a further judicial review."

The Staffordshire Fraud Squad is believed to be bringing charges against Mr Deacon for fraud later this year.

It is thought that the Law Society may also be considering claims for compensation from some of his other clients.

The 650 scheme members who were already receiving a pension when the fund was wound up in 1993 will be unaffected by Wednesday's ruling.

Sir Colin turns over a new leaf

Something strange happened to Sir Colin Southgate, chairman of Thorn EMI, last week. This beefy six-footer, renowned for his hard-nosed business sense, was making distinctly uncommercial noises. Having snapped up Dillons, the bookshop chain, for a canny price within hours of the receivers being called in, Sir Colin went on record as saying: "The British book industry is first and foremost a tremendous cultural asset, of which we should be very proud."

Could this be the Sir Colin who once said that selling his computer business for millions of pounds enabled him "to lift two fingers to the world"?

It seems the bookselling industry does funny things to people. Making money appears to take second place to safeguarding the soul of the nation. It is unsurprising that booksellers talk in these terms. After all, it is hard to make money in bookselling. It is something you do for love not profit.

A specialist bookshop stocks up to 120,000 product lines, many selling only once or twice a year. It must select stock from the 650,000 books in print and pick the best of the 80,000 new ones published every year. Specialist bookshops, by all the laws of commerce, should not be able to make money.

For much of their history they haven't. There have been two stages in their evolution. First was the era of the small independent stores, often gloomy places run by book lovers whose snobbishness was only exceeded by their inefficiency.

Then Waterstones and Dillons came along in the 1980s. With their modern prime high street stores and more sophisticated methods they revolutionised bookselling. But they still weren't money-spinners.

If you are going to have 120,000 books in a shop, you need state-of-the-art systems and tight management control. Last week an unexploded bomb was found in a Dillons store almost two years after it is thought to have been planted. If you can't keep tabs on the quantities of Semtex in the store, you are unlikely to be fully in control of the stock situation.

It is no accident that Dillons is now in the hands of a large corporation like Thorn, and Waterstones part of WH Smith. This is the only profitable way forward for specialist booksellers. Sir Colin may still speak the same rhetoric as his predecessors — after all, he has got to mollify the publishing community — but he is in the business of making as much money as he can out of selling books.

And the industry needs him. The Net Book Agreement is set to go, opening the door for supermarkets, overseas book chains and anyone else who fancies getting in on the act. The threat to the indigenous specialists is substantial.

Waterstones and Dillons have strong brand names, which will help. But the real advantage they have is that they can now share costs and clever computer systems with their bigger parents. Waterstones has done well from leveraging off the WH Smith retail chain; Dillons has the same opportunity with HMV, Thorn's music chain.

Sir Colin can opine on the sanctity of books as much as he wants, but that's what I call a real cultural asset.

Susan Gilchrist

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Finland Mkk	7.70	7.05
France Fr	8.62	7.97
Germany Dm	2.48	2.27
Greece Dr	392.00	367.00
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Malta	0.613	0.558
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S Africa Rd	ref.	5.41
Spain Pta	212.00	199.00
Sweden Kr	12.33	11.53
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USA $	1.705	1.575

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German mark
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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2301.6 (-3.7)
FT-SE 100
3025.1 (-12.6)
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3989.61 (22.13)
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300	180	120	180	120	180	120
400	240	160	195	130	180	120
500	300	200	210	140	nil	nil
600	330	220	225	150	nil	nil
700	360	240	240	160	nil	nil
800	375	250	240	160	nil	nil
900	390	260	240	160	nil	nil
1,000	420	280	255	170	nil	nil
1,500	540	360	285	190	nil	nil
2,000	630	420	300	200	nil	nil
2,500	720	480	nil	nil	nil	nil
3,000	780	520	nil	nil	nil	nil
4,000	870	580	nil	nil	nil	nil
5,000	975	650	nil	nil	nil	nil
10,000	1,800	1,200	nil	nil	nil	nil
15,000	2,700	1,800	nil	nil	nil	nil
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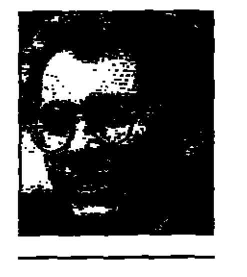
Time for answers from Barings management



NEIL BENNETT
IN SINGAPORE

Singapore is one of the few financial centres more secretive than the City of London. The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) is traditionally a model of discretion, controlling the country's banks and foreign institutions quietly but firmly.

So it caused much surprise here at the weekend that the MAS held a *press conference at all to discuss the* Barings affair, but the holding of the conference was far less devastating than the material from Barings that was disclosed at it.

In one short hour, the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (Simex) and Price Waterhouse, which was appointed by the courts a week ago as judicial manager for Barings Futures Singapore, exploded the myth that Nick Leeson was a lone rogue trader taking his vast positions in futures without anyone realising. The evidence and documents presented leave many senior managers of Barings with some tricky questions to answer on who knew what when.

The Singapore authority's assault on the accepted version of events surrounding the Barings crash came in two main salvoes during the question-and-answer session that followed the predictably bland official statements. First, PW flourished a fax from James Bax, the head of Barings in Singapore. It was written almost three years ago, before Barings had even taken its seat on Simex, and warned the group's head of equities of the dire consequences of giving Mr Leeson too much *power.* "We are in danger of creating a structure which will . . . succeed in losing a lot of money or client goodwill or probably both." Mr Bax had said. Michael Lim, PW's managing partner in Singapore, described these words as "prescient".

In some respects, the fax is a class piece of office politics. Mr Bax is annoyed that his comments have been disregarded and he whinges at one point that he has been left off a fax distribution list. However, the letter shows that a senior Barings manager gave warning that the group was flirting with disaster and was completely ignored. He makes it clear that if Mr Leeson were put in charge of both front-office and back-office operations at Simex, he wanted no part of it, which is probably why Mr Leeson reported directly to London.

The letter suggests that it was Ian Martin, then finance director of Barings, who was keen to see Mr Leeson in this dual role. He may have been stirred by cost considerations. Simex was, after all, a fringe activity for Barings and expatriate workers do not come cheap.

Throughout the affair, Mr Bax has remained silent, in spite of having had his office raided and his passport confiscated and having been questioned by police for hours. Not many people could show so much loyalty to their firm in such circumstances when they knew they were right all along.

After the letter, it was Simex's turn in the press conference to put the boot into Barings. Its legal adviser said that Anthony Hawes, the group treasurer, made a 16,000-mile round trip to Singapore at the start of February. At a meeting with Simex, he showed that he knew about the large futures positions that the group was running and reassured the exchange that the positions were properly financed and that margin calls would be met. In all, Barings had sent its Singapore futures subsidiary S$1.3 billion (£555 million) since the start of the year to fund futures positions.

This destroys any suggestion that Mr Leeson's activities came as a shock to Barings. Only two explanations are possible. One is that Barings did not understand Mr Leeson's trades and thought that they were for a client or protected by hedges. The second is that the bank knew about the situation in full and hoped that Mr Leeson could trade his way out of trouble.

The first explanation is unfeasible, the second unthinkable. It is impossible to believe that the management of Barings, however badly they handled internal controls, would have allowed Mr Leeson to put the group's existence at risk.

The first theory has more weight. The centrepiece of the Singapore Commercial Affairs Department's case to extradite Mr Leeson is a document, which, it alleges, he forged. It shows that Y7.8 billion (£50 million) was transferred into a *non-existent* City bank account in the name of Baring Futures. If there *are any other documents* like this, it is possible that a complex paper trail was created to deceive the management of Barings that the Simex contracts were being held for clients.

By disclosing such startling information, the Singapore authorities are, naturally, working to an agenda. After the collapse of BCCI in 1991, the MAS was pleased to the point of arrogance that it had repeatedly refused to license the bank while the Hong Kong authorities suffered from the collapse so miserably. Now that Singapore has had a crash on its doorstep, the authorities are determined to show that it was not their fault and that Singapore's growing financial market has not been harmed.

They have a persuasive case and one can sense the cold anger towards Barings and the Bank of England, which, Singapore feels, should have prevented the crash. It is significant that Simex chose two US firms, including Goldman Sachs, to close the Barings positions, ignoring large British firms on the exchange, such as BZW and HSBC.

The collapse of Barings is unravelling like a mystery novel. A 233-year-old bank does not just vanish overnight. For reasons of their own, the Singapore authorities have proved that its management had ample opportunity to prevent the collapse. Now the management of Barings should come up with some good explanations.

RADIO CHOICE

Land of hope and prairie

The Monday Play: A Small Plot of England. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

Graham Harvey's agrarian drama is about a 20th-century Gerrard *Winstanley. He* headed the Diggers, the 17th-century socialist sect whose attempts to make agricultural land "a common treasury for all" ended violently. Harvey's Winstanley (Michael Lumsden) is an itinerant farming contractor whose vague idealism acquires muscle when he throws in his lot with a band of New Age travellers. Their vision of Utopia is an England in *which all farming land would* be converted to prairie, with cows replacing bison. Predictably, not everyone *is happy about the prospect* of 55 million Britons having to go out hunting for the Sunday roast.

Time and Changes. *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*

By *continuing to* give Derek Drescher a generous run of programmes, Radio 3 implicitly acknowledges the exhaustive nature of the producer's profiles of jazz musicians. Eight weekly slots, no less, have been allocated to his series charting the five performing decades of Stan Tracey, pianist, band leader and composer. Once again, Drescher has entrusted the job of narrator/interviewer to the ever reliable Geoffrey Smith. He does not waste any time in stripping away whatever metaphysical *trappings the series' title may imply.* For Tracey, time simply means swing, and changes means chord *structures. The opening episode* explores the impact that established jazz musicians had on the young Tracey.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Clive Warren **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo, **12.00** Lisa L'Anson incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat and at **1.15** *The Net* **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Alan Parker **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up *to Wogan* **9.15** *Pause for Thought* **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Fiona Armstrong **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Malcolm Laycock with Dance Band *Days, and at* **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Adventures in Jazz **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** *Digby Fairweather* with Jazz Notes **1.00** Steve Madden with *Night Ride* **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Actuality **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe *on Five* **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** Voices of the Old Firm: rivalry between football clubs Rangers and Celtic **8.00** The Monday Match: Liverpool v South*ampton* **10.05** *News Talk* **11.00** *Night* Extra, incl **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffin **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** *Samantha Mesh and Sean Bolger* **10.00** Caesar the Geezer **1.00am** Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe **7.00** News **7.15** *Manon Des Sources* **7.30** About Face **8.00** News **8.10** Faith **8.15** Health **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Replace a Disc **9.30** Learning World **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** *Information Superhighway* **10.30** Vintage Chart **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Faith **12.15** My Music **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** *Outlook* **2.30** *Manon Des Sources* **2.45** Early Versions **3.00** News **3.15** Blues in EC **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Report **5.15** BBC English *6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00* News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Qur'an **7.45** Health **8.00** News **8.10** Faith **8.15** World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Meridian *10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30* Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15am** Jolly Good Show **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk **1.45** Health **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** My Music **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** *John Peel* **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** *Susannah Simons* **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Wieniawski (Violin Concerto No 2 in D minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** A to Z of Classical **8.00** Haydn (Symphony No 13 *in D); Stravinsky (Symphony in Three* Movements); Martinů (Rhapsody Concerto); Mozart (Symphony No 38 in D, Prague) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

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6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** *Wendy Lloyd* **7.00** *Paul Coyle* **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: *Morago (Commissa mea pavesco)*; Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in E, RV269, The Four Seasons: Spring); Françaix (Wind Quintet No 1); **8.05** Saint-Saëns (Phaéton, Op 39); Brahms (Scherzo in E flat minor, Op 4); **8.32** *Quartet* Collection: Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 71 No 1)
9.00 Composers of the Week — Swedish Romantics: Emil Sjogren (Erotikon; Violin Sonata No 1 in G minor; Legends Op 46)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Handel *(Concerto Grosso in B flat,* Op 3 No 1); **10.10** Bach (Motet: Der Geist hilft unsrer Schwachheit auf, BWV 226); **10.20** *Artist of the Week*: *Steven Isserlis. Glazunov* (Song of the Minstrel, Op 19); **10.25** Ravel (Le tombeau de Couperin); **10.55** Bax (Northern Ballad No 1); **11.05** Purcell (Incidental Music: The Georgian Knot Unty'd); **11.15** Bach (Cello Suite No 5 in C minor, BWV 1011); **11.40** Brahms (Schicksalslied, Op 54)
12.00 Fairest Isle — Britannia at the Opera: Charles Villiers Stanford (The Travelling Companion: Chorus of the Royal Opera House; BBC Concert Orchestra)
1.00 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Schubert (Abendbilder; Himmelsfunken; Der Jüngling auf dem Hügel; Nachthymne; Das Mädchen; Der Tod und das Mädchen; Waldesnacht); Mussorgsky (Songs and Dances of Dance)
2.00 Schools: *20th-Century* Soundbites **2.15** Storybox **2.25** *Let's Move* **2.45** First Steps in Drama
3.00 The BBC Orchestras: Panufnik (Symphony No 10); Lutoslawski (Livre pour orchestre) *(r)*
3.45 The First English Organ Music: the Robertsbridge Fragment
4.30 Time and Changes: See Choice
5.00 The Music Machine: London Gabrieli Brass Ensemble
5.15 In Tune: Sibelius (The Swan of Tuonela); Mozart (Gloria — Coronation Mass); Beethoven *(Piano sonata in E flat, Op 81a)*; Wagner (Prelude: Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg)
7.30 Fairest Isle — Edward Elgar, the Music Maker: Elgar (Symphonic Study: Falstaff); David Sawer (Trumpet Concerto). **8.25 Honoured Abroad**: Turn-of-the-century British music. **8.45** Elgar (Enigma Variations)
9.30 The Forties: Music at War.
9.50 New Waves: Chris de Souza talks to Colin Matthews. Berg (String Quartet, Op 3); Colin Matthews (String Quartet No 1). First broadcast
10.45 Mixing It
11.30-12.30am Music Restored: Leclair *(Deuxième récréation* de musique); Handel (Trio Sonata in G); Vivaldi (Concerto in G minor, RV104, La notte); Telemann (Concerto a 4 in A *minor*)
1.00-2.40 Night School: Triple bill — Comfort Herself **1.30** Poetry of Passion **2.00** Dance Resource for PE: Power

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55,** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** *History File*: Stuart Simon asks: is anything ever new in the news? **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week: Melvyn Bragg and Donu *Kogbara are joined by David* Weekes, Rupert Sheldrake, Philip Dodd and Professor Eileen Barker
10.00 News; Wordly Wise (FM only)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): *Spiritual anthology*
10.30 Woman's Hour)
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444, with Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Dare Brehan
12.25pm Counterpoint: First semi-final of the music quiz conducted by Ned Sherrin **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers *(r)* **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Newgate Calendar: The Tragic Life *and Shameful Death of Mary* Blandy. The second of two plays by Christopher Denys
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Lynne Walker reviews a new production of *Macbeth set in gangland* Manchester in the 1960s, and an exhibition of "grotesque prints"; and members of the Nash Ensemble play live
4.45 Short Story: Quorum. Carol Ann Frazer's story about a school reunion
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Just a Minute, with Nicholas Parsons (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: A Small Plot of England, by Graham Harvey. See Choice
9.00 Dr Burney's Travels: The European tour made in the *1770s by music historian* Charles Burney, who is played by Timothy West (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Archy and Mehitabel, *by Don* Marquis. Archy is played by John Guerassio and *Mehitabel* by Eartha Kitt
11.00-11.30 Eureka! (FM only): Anglican priest, the Rev Dr John Polkinghorne talks about his work as a theoretical *physicist (r)*
11.00-11.30 Education Matters (LW only): What does Anne Frank's story mean to today's children?
11.30-12.00 The Vacillations of Poppy Carew (FM only): A six-part dramatisation of Mary *Wesley's novel with Beatie* Edney as Poppy (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00-12.43 News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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Gas still heavier than oil

BRITISH GAS is bottom, and, for the second quarter running, BP is top in *Presswatch Quarterly*, which monitors national press coverage. By raising Cedric Brown's salary 75 per cent and then cutting wages of low-paid shop staff less a month later, *British Gas provoked a storm* of articles, thereby earning itself a minus 2,398 rating in the December quarter, and *ending in 1,044th place.* Second from bottom was Cunard *after negative press coverage* of the QE2 Christmas fiasco. Others near the bottom of *Presswatch*'s table are Mercury (-759), *British Rail* (-735) and Eurotunnel (-722). Warburg, which was a runner on its profit warning alone, and then secured its low ranking when it fell out with Morgan Stanley, is placed 1,036th, between Dixons and Railtrack, with a -489 rating. The average listed company had a 37 rating in the quarter, debunking the idea that the press prints only bad news.

Rule Britannia

MARKS & Spencer is celebrating 20 years of the opening its first store in continental Europe — on Boulevard Haussman, Paris. Twenty years on, the store's top ten best-selling food lines are decidedly un-French. They are: pack of two English muffins, ham and mustard sandwich, Indian meal for two, white sandwich loaf, pack of four English muffins, mimolette egg sandwich (the one French item), 50 Earl Grey tea bags, chicken tikka masala, Irish salmon sandwich and (thank you, Gerald Ratner) an M&S prawn sandwich. So what are the five best-selling food items in the UK? The answer is: a pack of two chicken breast fillets, pack of two whole haddock, mini- prawn layered salad, a prawn and mayonnaise sandwich and — a bag of bananas!

Bad vibrations

IF YOU still don't understand what derivatives are all about, and are too embarrassed to ask the difference between a put and a call, perhaps you will understanding this. From The Investors Compensation Scheme comes news of claims from two former clients of the now dissolved Dealshore "future-introducing broker" of Stafford who suffered losses because of the firm's "Epsilon" trading system — "this trading system supposedly applied the 'fundamental law of vibration' to the speculative markets to enable market movements to be forecast accurately". I kid you not.

And thank you, Joan Woolard *of Fleet Hargate for this one:*
I suppose you think it witty,
To pinch the idea of a ditty,
But you do it so well
Mr Colin Campbell,
It's quite the thing
in the City!

COLIN CAMPBELL

Lady Chalker is a formidable advocate of poverty relief, says **Janet Bush**

Voice of debt forgiveness

Flying to the aid of poor nations: Lady Chalker puts the British view this week

Baroness Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, is unusual: a Conservative minister who is widely liked. In 1992, John Major won the election but Lynda Chalker lost her seat. The first was greeted in Uganda with resignation, the second with genuine horror and disappointment. Made a peer after the election, Lady Chalker is an effective voice for Britain's overseas development efforts and is in charge of diplomatic relations with Africa.

This week, she leads the British delegation to the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen, which, according to the final negotiating text, will be devoted to *addressing* "poverty, unemployment and social exclusion". *She will* be a formidable advocate of social policies to supple*ment the economic reforms* undertaken by many countries *in return for funds from the* International Monetary Fund *and the World Bank.*

The British Government stance is that sound economic adjustment policies must be accompanied by poverty relief to help to ameliorate the often painful effects. But social programmes are desirable in their own right.

In an interview with *The Times*, Lady Chalker said: "I happen to believe that poverty alleviation is a successful economic policy." *She said* she hoped that the Bretton Woods institutions, which do not have a good record of sensitivity to social — as opposed to economic — problems, would make a "constructive effort" in Copenhagen this week.

This week too, Lady Chalker will see the first fruits of efforts over the years to persuade governments to forgive some of the debt of the world's poorest nations. Uganda last week became the first African country to be offered debt forgiveness under the Trinidad Terms. This week, it is expected to accept formally.

*This is a milestone in a long campaign by the British Gov*ernment, enthusiastically spearheaded by both John Major, as Chancellor and Prime Minister, and Kenneth Clarke. They have been trying to *persuade* other industrialised countries to embark on a generous degree of debt forgiveness, rather than endless and, as history shows, pointless reschedulings.

Some say it was Lynda Chalker who first persuaded Mr Major, during his *three-month* sojourn at the Foreign Office in 1989, of the importance of debt forgiveness. In 1990, Mr Major came up with the Trinidad Terms, suggesting that governments should write off 50 per cent of the stock of debt of those very poor debtor countries which had a good record of economic reform.

In subsequent international *meetings,* British delegations continued to push unwilling partners to *implement and* improve the terms. Finally, after *years of* obdurate resistance in some quarters — notably Japan — *the Group of* Seven agreed at the Naples Economic *Summit last year* to endorse plans to write off two thirds of the bilateral debt of the poorest countries. The Paris Club of government creditors in turn took the *terms* on board.

Trinidad or Naples Terms mean forgiveness of $235 million of Ugandan debt, but this *is a fraction of total debt, much* of which is owed to multilateral lenders such as the IMF and the World Bank and their financial affiliates.

The next step in the British Government's campaign is to persuade these lenders to *bite the bullet of debt forgiveness.* Mr Clarke will push the issue at *next month's interim* meetings of the IMF and World Bank.

Rather than straightforward debt *write-offs, Britain* has suggested a sale of a proportion of the IMF's $40 billion gold reserves to be reinvested in securities issued by the Governments of industrialised nations. The interest flows from these securities would be used to finance a new form of lending to the *most* indebted poor countries. Interest would be set at 0.5 per cent and *repayments may not* have to begin for between five *and twenty years.*

This formula is designed to *meet concerns within the IMF* that its financial soundness would be *compromised, but* the proposal met stubborn *resistance at the annual meeting* of the IMF and World Bank *in Madrid last autumn.*

Although the gold proposal *has so far got nowhere, the* principle of highly concessionary *terms for the most indebted countries has already been* acceded to by the Bretton Woods lenders. *Lending* under the IMF's ESAF (*Enhanced Structural Adjustment* Facility) is at an interest rate of 0.5 per cent: lending by the IDA, the World Bank affiliate that specialises in loans to the poorest countries, is at 0.75 per cent.

This suggests some scope for persuasion. Lady Chalker, who privately believes that many poor countries can never repay their debt and that generous debt forgiveness is a rational way to move forward, believes that attitudes will gradually change.

She noted that there had been much resistance to the Brady Plan for commercial bank debt write-offs and to the Trinidad Terms. Both had been gradually worn down.

Lady Chalker will emphasise the importance both of debt forgiveness and social *programmes in a speech today* to the University of East *Anglia's Development School.* In Copenhagen, too, she will *push these issues.*

Mr Major is not expected to attend next weekend's summit, held under the auspices of the United Nations, but 55 other world leaders, including Presidents and Prime Ministers from France, The Netherlands, Belgium, and Italy, and Al Gore, Vice-President of the United States, have formally accepted invitations.

This is the first time in the history of the UN that heads of state will meet in order to deal specifically with social development and the high turnout of leaders is evidence of the increasing desire of politicians to be seen by their electorates to be tackling social, as well as economic, issues.

But it is also important that the IMF and the World Bank recognise such concerns. After *many years in which the* focus of lending policies was macro*economic* reform, it is only relatively recently that the World Bank has acknowledged the need to tackle social *deprivation and poverty* if economic change is to prove *sustainable.*

The Social Summit is an *idea whose time has come,* but, like all such international *gatherings,* it is doubtful whether anything more than good intentions will emerge.

Safety and credit quality paramount

GILT-EDGED

Since the start of the year, there has been a modest rise in gilt prices, though more recently the market seems to be suffering from an early bout of the summer doldrums. Nevertheless, gilts have shrugged off sterling weakness on the foreign exchanges, evidence of emerging cost pressures and the usual diet of unsettling political news.

On the economic front, the *lop-sided nature of the* recovery is more apparent as consumers retrench in the face *of higher* mortgage rates, higher taxes *and little in the* way of job opportunities. Exports remain *strong, reflecting improving* recovery in Britain's export mar*kets in Europe and improving* competitiveness on the international stage. Our exporters are becoming efficient low-cost *producers taking a slightly* larger share of world markets.

Sterling's weakness against the mighty German mark will no doubt do wonders for UK exports. Fortunately, from the Treasury's and the Bank of England's point of view, sterling slippage against a weak US dollar has been modest. Given the importance of this exchange rate on imported inflation, it is just as well that the dollar is weak.

Already, producer input price inflation is at double-digit levels. *Last Friday's* co-ordinated round of central bank inter*vention will probably do little* to turn round the long-term *downward trend in the dollar.* Unlike last November's intervention from the Federal Reserve, an aggressive interest rate *rise* to back up that intervention does *not* seem to be on the cards. *Likewise,* the Bundesbank is unlikely to alter its rates. If anything, given the above-trend growth in the German economy and evidence of cost pressures, the Bundesbank will want to tighten monetary policy soon to ensure that next year's *inflation* rate in Germany stays below 3 per cent. These factors and the difficulties in Mexico are not helpful to the dollar and I would not be surprised to see it breach its all-time low of 1.40 against the mark, and then move down to 1.25 on a 12-month view.

Typically, sterling tends to get caught in the crossfire of the big currency moves, though it also has a tendency to move with the dollar. But being a politically sensitive exchange rate, international investors have had little incentive to buy sterling assets. If anything, they have been net sellers of gilts over the past few months. This is in spite of what seem to be good economic fundamentals in which the more bullish pundits would cite a structural improvement in UK inflation and a sharp improvement in the balance of payments. But during times of financial stress, in which there seems to be a constant flow of bad news, whether Orange County, Mexico or Barings, investor appetite for risk is not surprisingly low.

In such circumstances, it is safety first and credit quality paramount. This means that investors prefer to be with the tried-and-tested *hard* currencies such as the mark, yen and *Swiss franc. Investors also* prefer to be in cash or hard currency government-backed securities. Liquidity is essential, and *for governments such as* Italy and Sweden, with unsustainable fiscal policies, investors price in a substantial risk premium. Until there is an inevitable restructuring in debt, then economic theory predicts upward pressure on real interest rates and/or a depreciation in the real exchange rate for these countries. In this regard, Britain is now meeting a cleaner bill of fiscal health, although investors will be wondering whether electoral pressures will force undue Budget laxity. Sterling's status as a "soft currency" is the legacy of muddled economic mismanagement over decades.

My guess is that, in the run-up to the next election, sterling will weaken further by as much as 10-20 per cent from current *levels against the mark.* If that is right, gilts will have a tough *time, especially if,* over the near term, the interest-rate optimism *that has underpinned the* recent rally in the US bond *market starts to reverse.* Should Mr Clarke worry about the exchange rate? I hope not. Exchange-rate targeting has an unhappy history in the hands of British Chancellors. In that regard, uncertainties over the longevity of the economic recovery suggest caution over the need for higher interest rates.

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Wharton, Wesley and a spot of weeding

Last night, in the final episode of **The Buccaneers** (BBC 1), a character said "I love you", and it was like the moment when the sun shines after a winter of gloom. "I love you" was a possibility long forgotten, its occlusion accepted by everybody in the world. Many people jeered at *The Buccaneers*, but they missed a lot if they did. Yes, the dialogue was less than authentic sometimes ("I don't give a toss for your reasons! I would never have sold the Titian!"). Yes, the girls were irritating in the first episode. But the performances, especially from the American women, were touching and true. The frocks continued to be stunning. And each of the tragically unhappy couples — Virginia and Seadown, Conchita and Richard, Nan and Julius — had moments of heart-breaking, wrung-out, let's-not-fight reconciliation, delicate enough to be included in any great novel (even if they were not included in this one).

Interestingly, these offers of support (too late!) were mirrored in the bizarre scheduling of the Edith Wharton **Bookmark** (BBC 2, Saturday) and the promotional **On the Set of the Buccaneers** (BBC 1, Sunday) — both tentatively reaching out a soft hand of solidarity five weeks after their natural moment. How poignant. What a waste. The *Bookmark* was a helpful, routine, well researched account of Wharton's American life, and included experts who spoke well ("One day Edith Wharton woke up to the fact that she had married an ass"). *On the Set of the Buccaneers* was bewildering. Here were actors in make-up eagerly introducing us to their characters, to make us say "Oh good, I'll watch that."

No doubt sales of Edith Wharton are doing well, that's the main thing. But *Bookmark* could have helped even more if it had not adhered to that tiresome habit of author profiles — of making the readings wrestle strenuously with the images on the screen, and lose continually. Many viewers get mad about intrusive background music: but intrusive background pictures are surely worse. While a passage from *The Age of Innocence* is read aloud, the rostrum camera scans a photo of an unidentified late Victorian bloke in fancy dress, over whom a big invisible question mark flashes ("Who's this? Who's this?"). I ask you, is it fair?

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Any delicate types who found *The Buccaneers* too coarse would have been ill advised to switch to **The Vacillations of Poppy Carew** (ITV), a Mary Wesley adaptation so lengthily and relentlessly crass in plot and character that watching it was a bit like drowning: pleasant enough once you stopped struggling. Poppy Carew was Tara Fitzgerald, an actress who has taken the mantle from Frances Barber, who got it from Helen Mirren: it's that mantle that keeps slipping off bare shoulders (whoops!), revealing a small, curvy boob. What a waste of time, though, baring all for Mary Wesley. Yes, her heroines talk frankly about sex, but it never impinges on them, heaven forfend. In terms of female desire, these women are what is known pejoratively as "all gong and no dinner".

Likewise, "love" in Mary Wesley is something declared by weak blokes to amused goddesses, and so the range of emotional subtlety is set. In the film last night, Poppy's father died just at the point when her boyfriend of seven years walked out — a lethal emotional combination, you might think, requiring months of counselling and early nights. But not for Poppy. Before the week was out, she was snogging the attractive young undertakers ("Thank you, Fergus, that was wonderful") and enjoying oral sex in Tunisia with an attractive young pig farmer ("Edmund never did that").

All these attractive young men with curly hair and jaw-bones wider than their temples — where do they come from? Shame on Samuel West for taking part: he's one of our best actors, for goodness' sake. Last night he fished his former wife from a muddy stream and lapsed into comforting marital bunny-wunny, which sounded to me like improvising. "Here's a mister snotty. Did Penelope go bong? Never mind, nice hot bubbly bath." Penelope's hair was dry, however, and her clothes still pressed from Sketchley's. No harm done, then.

Channel 4 gave us **Pot Night** on Saturday, thus replicating the observable effects of marijuana — that stoned people go *on* and *on* and *on*. Having always suspected that theme nights were conceived after long dinner parties when people are feeling clever, Pot Night proved it beyond question. At one point, I switched over to Channel 4 to hear, "If you'd like to know more about the pain relieving qualities of marijuana..." Some of the angles were novel, however: in **Joint Ventures**, Adam Faith explored the entrepreneurial possibilities of deregulated pot, and found that his box of spiked chocolates might retail at £67.

Finally, the newly imported American drama **Party of Five** (Channel 4, Sunday) turns out to be *thirtysomething* for teenagers — er, *tensomething*, perhaps. A family of five orphaned children, ranging from 11 months to 24 years, now fend for themselves in a San Francisco house. "I don't have anyone to tell me what to do!" they wail occasionally, but mainly they cope bravely. *Party of Five* is about family loyalty and responsibility, providence, sacrifice, love; all underlined by careless good looks. Last night's pilot episode was quite compelling, and the dialogue peppered with surprises. "Have you read any Piaget?" asked a suspicious nanny, during her interview with the lovely 16-year-old Bailey (Scott Wolf). Bailey looked flummoxed. "Tell me how it starts," he said brightly. "Maybe I'll remember."

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (83070)

7.00 Breakfast News (95466254)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (5517525)

10.00 News (Ceefax), *regional* news and weather (7902506) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (8919709) **10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine (s) (7254273)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1760964) **12.05 Pebble Mill** introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (7536877) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (15169983)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (62438) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (77813457)

1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly with the second heat of the general knowledge quiz (s) (77817273) **2.15 Knots Landing** American drama series (s) (1602709) **3.00 Today's Gourmet** Jacques Pepin prepares a midweek family dinner (4493)

3.30 Barney Bear Double-Bill (2284099) **3.45 Bodger and Badger** (s) (2272254) **4.00 Jackanory**. Bill Paterson reads *The Gambler*, by Ted Hughes (s) (4588525) **4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (Ceefax) (s) (6534983) **4.35 Tomorrow's End** Futuristic live action drama (r). (Ceefax) (1805167)

5.00 Newsround (6175235) **5.10 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax) (s) (8149631)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (311254) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (419)

6.30 Regional news magazines (159). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

Mike Smith hosts his new series (7.00pm)

7.00 NEW **That's Showbusiness**. Mike Smith returns with the showbiz panel game. The guests are Stephanie Cole, Neil Morrissey, Ulrika Jonsson and Bill Roache. (Ceefax) (s) (2964)

7.30 Watchdog. (Ceefax) (s) (983)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (1612)

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Time-travelling comedy starring Nicholas Lyndhurst. (Ceefax) (s) (7419)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1457)

9.30 Panorama: Whose Death is it Anyway? Should doctors respect the wishes of the seriously ill who say they do not want treatment? (Ceefax) (159761)

10.10 Natural Lies The final part of the thriller starring Bob Peck (r). (Ceefax) (s) (419780) **Northern Ireland:** The Back Page 10.35 Natural Lies 11.30 Film 95 12.05am-1.30 Film: Amazon Women on the Moon **Wales:** A Parent's Guide (527235) 10.35 Asylum (283167) 10.55 Natural Lives (404935) 11.50 Film 95 (192051) 12.20am-2.10 Film: Patric' (188668)

11.05 Film 95 with Barry Norman Among the films reviewed are *Disclosure*, *Nell* and *Mrs Parker and Her Vicious Circle*. (Ceefax) (s) (596051)

11.35 FILM: Patrick (1978) starring Susan Penhaligon and Robert Helpmann. Thriller about a comatose hospital patient whom a nurse suspects of having psychokinetic powers, killing the medical staff who want to accelerate his death. Directed by Richard Franklin (166506) **1.25am Weather** (1940303)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Working with Systems (7476902) **6.45** From a Different Shore (2801186) **7.35** Education For All? (5122457)

8.00 Breakfast News. (*Ceefax and signing*) (6896167) **8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sarah Baxter** (s) (4377490) **9.00 Daytime on Two:** Lernexpress (5658032) **9.15** Teaching Today (488254) **9.45** Numbers Plus (5733693) **10.00** Playdays (8920815) **10.25** Cats' Eyes (1067099) **10.40** Look and Read (4275235) **11.00** Zig Zag (6065761) **11.20** English Time (6602051) **11.40** Mad About Music (4233099) **12.00** The Great New Visionary Quest (65490) **12.30** Working Lunch (14254) **1.00** The IT Collection (3285525) **1.35** Landmarks (25489419) **1.45** Words and Pictures (25492983) **2.00** Tales of Aesop (65041983) **2.05** Rupert (87237051)

2.15 FILM: The Rose and the Jackal (1990) starring Christopher Reeve and Madolyn Smith. Drama set on the eve of the American Civil War. Directed by Jack Gold (Ceefax) (s). Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (720896) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), *regional news and weather* (8184693)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (612) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (896) **5.00 Esther** (3070) **5.30 Catchword** (s) (145)

6.00 FILM: The Wooden Horse (1950, b/w) starring Leo Genn. Classic Second World War drama, based on fact. Directed by Jack Lee (20176593)

7.40 Kingdom of the Crabs On Christmas Island, 200 miles south of Java (12434)

A Rwandan child carrying firewood (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: Exodus**. (Ceefax) (s) [illegible]

8.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain [illegible]

9.00 Bottom Comedy starring Adrian Edmondson and Rik Mayall [illegible]

9.30 Game On Comedy about flatmates [illegible]

10.00 CHOICE **Ruling Passions — Sex, Race and Empire.** (Ceefax) [illegible]

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) [illegible]

11.15 Dancing at the Crossroads [illegible] **11.55 Weather** [illegible]

12.00 The Present in the Past: Greek Drama [illegible]

12.25am Design Principles [illegible] **1.15 The Record** [illegible] **Ends at 1.40**

2.00-4.00 Night School: Modern Languages [illegible] **4.45 BBC Select: Disability Agenda** [illegible] **5.00 Strathclyde TV — Putting You in the Picture** [illegible] **5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update** [illegible]

VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes

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CHOICE

Ann Mitchell, centre, as Dolly Rawlins (ITV, 9.00pm)

She's Out
ITV, 9.00pm

Fans of Lynda La Plante's *Widows* and *Widows 2* will welcome this latest episode in the life and times of Dolly Rawlins. Back in the 1980s she was the boss of the gang of desperate women who pulled off a heist their husbands had failed to achieve. Having gone to prison for murdering her husband nine years ago, Dolly (magnificently played by Ann Mitchell) is set free, determined to set up a children's refuge with the money from her stashed stolen diamonds. Equally determined are six of her former prison mates who want a piece of Dolly's action. This six-part drama has the La Plante hallmarks of sparky dialogue, misfit characters and complex plotting and if the first episode is a little slow, this is because of careful exposition.

Cutting Edge: Amnesia
Channel 4, 9.00pm

"Like trying to fill an empty box," is how 17-year-old Stewart Norriss's mother describes the process of helping her son to regain his memory. After hitting his head on the kitchen table, he was unable to remember even basic skills such as dressing himself. Stewart's is one of three cases explored in an examination of the impact of amnesia on sufferers and their families. While Stewart has relearnt most of what he lost, others are not so fortunate. John Spencer's brain scarring means that he cannot retain information for more than 30 seconds. Keith Warren cannot even convince the doctors that he has got amnesia. Despite the suffering of the victims, it is the devotion, tenacity and humour of their wives and mothers that are humbling.

Horizon: Exodus
BBC2, 8.00pm

Tanzania woke up one morning last year to find itself home to more than one million Rwandan refugees. In just two days Benaco, the camp built by the aid agencies, became Tanzania's second largest city. The film follows an environmental team as it tries to assess the effects on local resources and population of such a large influx of people. The team also attempts to draw up a blueprint for future refugee camps. It took the boffins six months to come up with the rather unsurprising conclusion that large refugee camps are a Bad Thing and should be replaced with much smaller encampments. As the experts argue among themselves it is hard not to feel impotent anger at the refugees' plight.

Ruling Passions: Sex, Race and Empire
BBC2, 10.00pm

The phrase "no sex, please, we're British" was not, it seems, one that the armies of the British Empire took to heart. The second programme in David Wilson's excellent series on the sexual background to imperialist Britain focuses on the battle fought by the Colonial War Office against venereal disease. In 1896 it was alleged that over half the army stationed in India was infected. This posed a far greater threat for the Empire than any putative rebellion. When its policy of legalising brothels fell foul of domestic Victorian prudery, the War Office tried deterrent, then containment and finally segregation. None worked. Archive footage is mixed with first-hand recollection in a disquieting film.

Frances Lass

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (97761)

9.25 Chain Letters (s) (3303693) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8907964)

10.00 The Time ... the Place. Members of an invited studio audience air their views on a topical issue (s) (7032544)

10.35 This Morning (26699815) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1766148)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (2238631)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (2213322) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (57137438)

1.55 Carlton Woman (s) (35090631) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (74867612) **2.50 Blue Heelers** (7385186)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6114525) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6113896)

3.30 Rainbow (2288815) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (8182235) **3.50 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (5744821) **4.15 Harry's Mad** (Teletext) (s) (748273) **4.45 Art Attack** (Teletext) (s) (1896419)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (6390438)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (652148)

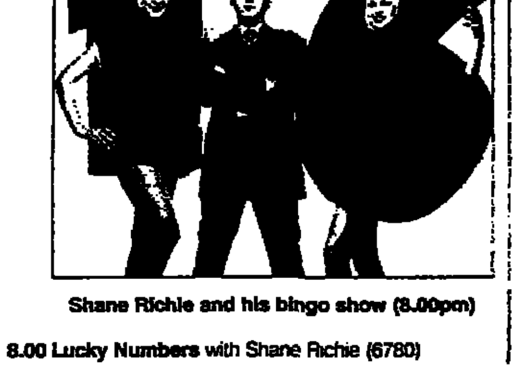
5.55 Your Shout. Members of the public air their views (599186)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (815)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (167)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers with Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes (7032)

7.30 Coronation Street. Alma receives a surprise in the morning post. (Teletext) (821)



Shane Richie and his bingo show (8.00pm)

8.00 Lucky Numbers with Shane Richie (6780)

8.30 World in Action asks whether a drug used to alleviate back pain is safe, despite not having a licence for this treatment (Teletext) (s) (5815)

9.00 CHOICE **She's Out** (Teletext) (s) (5761)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (93273)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (136235)

10.40 NEW **Sport in Question.** Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves are joined by the chairman of the England cricket selectors, Ray Illingworth, and John Sadler, *The Sun's* sports columnist (147186)

11.40 The Equalizer (430693)

12.40am Endsleigh League Extra (4812113)

1.25 Sport AM (6821026)

2.25 Quiz Night. The Beehive from London take on Kent's The Rose (7637939)

2.50 FILM: Next Time I'll Kill You (1966). Comedy thriller starring Gerrard Barray and Jean Richard. Two internationally known scientists are kidnapped. Directed by Guy Lefranc (581668)

4.25 Profile. Galliano (31841723)

4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (76751736)

4.55 The Time ... the Place (r) (s) (7846991)

5.30 ITN Morning News (50668). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Sandokan (r) (2233902) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (45761)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (70322)

9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! (5601964) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (5624815) **10.02** Stage Two Science (6274099) **10.20** Place and People (1044148) **10.40** The English Programme (8039029) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (6065902) **11.15** The Music Show (6616254) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (4231631) **11.45** Junior Technology (4236186)

12.00 Right To Reply. A repeat of Saturday's edition. (Teletext) (s) (90186)

12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (43419) **1.30 Little Miss** followed by **Paddington, Frootie Tooties** and **The Wombles** (35080254) **1.55 The Pulse** (r). (Teletext) (s) (35098273)

2.25 Travels a la Carte. Sophie Grigson and her husband William Black are in Istanbul to sample Turkish cuisine (r). (Teletext) (s) (5848693)

3.00 *The Late Late Show. Dublin's topical chat and* music show (s) (4488419)

3.55 Gardens Without Borders: Italy (r). (Teletext) (s) (5844051)

4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (964)

5.00 The Golden Girls: Little Sister. The girls are delighted when Rose announces that her sister is coming to stay (r). (Teletext) (5438)

5.30 Nurses: Dead Nurse. Black comedy set in a Miami hospital (r). (Teletext) (s) (544)

6.00 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (457)

6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. Campus comedy starring Mark Curry. (Teletext) (s) (709)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (420728)

7.50 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (471896)

8.00 Beauty and the Bullet. After a herd of 400 mountain gazelles, introduced into the Golan Heights in 1970, grew to 4,500, the Israeli authorities reluctantly decided that there should be a cull of their national animal (Teletext) (4322)

8.30 Only When I Laugh. Glover, in need of a blood transfusion, is concerned that he will receive that of **someone** from the lower classes (r). (Teletext) (3457)

Stewart Norriss has lost his memory (9.00pm)

9.00 NEW **Cutting Edge: Amnesia.** (Teletext) (6631)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series. (Teletext) (s) (428438)

10.55 Reel Women: An Angel at My Table. Jane Campion's award-winning adaptation of the *autobiographies of the New Zealand novelist Janet Frame (Kerry Fox), who was wrongly diagnosed as* schizophrenic, originally shown in three parts (63772235)

1.50am ***FILM: Forget-Me-Not*** (1936, *b/w*) starring Beniamino Gigli and Joan Gardner. Romantic operatic drama about a celebrated widowed tenor who falls for a typist recovering from a failed shipboard romance. Directed by Zoltan Korda (1993216). Ends at 3.05

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (7797212) **2.20** Housecall (74559693) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7385186) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6390438) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (561254) **10.40-11.10** The Magic and Mystery Show (969544) **12.10am** Coach (5396204) **12.35** Endsleigh League Extra (4812113) **1.20** The Manhunter (661571) **3.00** Sport AM (2250620) **3.55** The Time ... the Place (17056194) **4.25** Yan Can Cook (3123929) **5.00-5.30** Wanted Dead or Alive (31552)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (7780161) **2.20** Look and Cook (74858093) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7385186) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6390438) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (561254) **11.40** World Championship Boxing (430693) **12.40am-1.25** Endsleigh League Football Extra (4812113) **4.25** Jobfinder (2330552) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (7310620)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (2213322) **1.25** Home and Away (87830341) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (6216051) **2.45-3.20** De Moda's Kitchen (2341964) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6390438) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (561254) **10.40-11.10** The Motor Show (969544) **12.10am** Coach (4532674) **12.40** Endsleigh League Extra (4812113) **1.25** Sport AM (6321026) **2.25** Quiz Night (7637939) **2.50** Next Time I'll Kill You (581668) **4.25** Jobfinder (59251723) **4.55-5.30** The Time ... the Place (7846991)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 Art Works (7590631) **2.25-3.20** Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman (3371877) **5.10-5.40** The New Mr and Mrs Show (6390438) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (167) **11.40** Spotlight (197506) **12.10am-12.40** *The Powers That Be* (6493574) **4.25-4.55** Jobfinder (59251723)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 3.25-3.30 HTV Wales News (6113896) **5.10-5.40** Eye TV (6390438) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (167) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (136235) **11.40-12.10pm** Jazz! Jazz! Jazz! (197506)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (8907964) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1766148) **1.55** A Country Practice (77801612) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (4782419) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6113896) **5.10** [illegible] **5.37** [illegible] **5.40** ITN News [illegible] **6.00** Meridian Tonight (812) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (167) **10.30** [illegible] **10.40-11.10** [illegible] **12.10am** Coach [illegible] **12.35** Endsleigh League Extra [illegible] **1.20** The Manhunter (661571) **3.00** Sport AM [illegible] **3.55** The Time ... the Place [illegible] **4.25** Yan Can Cook [illegible] **5.00-5.20** Freescreen (21561)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (8907964) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1766148) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1774167) **1.55** Gardener's Diary (35090631) **2.25-2.55** The Young Doctors (74867612) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News, Weather (6113896) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6390438) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (26099) **11.40-12.40pm** Crime Story (430693) **4.25am-4.55** Jobfinder (59251723)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: *9.55-10.00* Calendar News and Weather (8907964) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire Calendar News and Weather [illegible] **1.55** A Country Practice [illegible] **2.20** Wish You Were Here... [illegible] **2.50** Help Yourself (5600723) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7261167) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News / Bridge News [illegible] **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6113896) **5.55** Calendar [illegible] **6.30-7.00** Emmerdale [illegible] **10.30** Calendar News and Weather [illegible] **10.40** A Brush With Ashley [illegible] **11.10-12.05pm** Prisoner Cell Block H [illegible] **1.05am** Queen of Diamonds [illegible] **2.40** The New Music (6793215) **3.40** [illegible] Show [illegible] **4.35-5.30** [illegible] (3014567)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast [illegible] **9.00** You Bet Your Life [illegible] **9.30** [illegible] **12.00pm** Right To Reply [illegible] **12.30** [illegible] **1.00** [illegible] **1.30** [illegible] **2.00** [illegible] **3.40** [illegible] **3.35** [illegible] **3.55** [illegible] **4.30** [illegible] **5.00** [illegible] **5.15** [illegible] **5.30** [illegible] **6.15** [illegible] **6.00** [illegible] **7.00** [illegible] **7.30** [illegible] **8.30** [illegible] **9.00** [illegible] **9.30** [illegible] **10.00** NYPD Blue [illegible] **10.55** Angel At My Table (63772235)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am [illegible] **8.00** The Mask [illegible] **8.30** [illegible] **9.00** [illegible] **10.30** [illegible] **11.00** [illegible] **12.00** The Urban Peasant [illegible] **12.30pm** [illegible] **1.30** [illegible] **2.00** [illegible] **3.00** [illegible] **3.50** [illegible] **4.15** [illegible] **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation [illegible] **6.00** [illegible] **6.30** [illegible] **7.00** [illegible] **7.30** [illegible] **8.00** [illegible] **9.00** [illegible] **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation [illegible] **11.00** [illegible] **11.50** [illegible] **12.40am** [illegible] **1.30** [illegible] **2.00-6.00** [illegible]

SKY NEWS

[illegible] **6.00am** [illegible] **9.30** [illegible] **10.10** [illegible] **1.30pm** [illegible] **2.30** Parliament [illegible] **6.05** [illegible] **9.30** [illegible] **12.30am** [illegible] **1.10** [illegible] **2.30** Parliament [illegible] **4.30** [illegible] **5.30-6.00** [illegible]

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase [illegible] **10.00 True Stories** [illegible] **12.00 The Ladies' Man** [illegible] **1.55pm How to Steal a Million** [illegible] **4.00 Blue Fire Lady** [illegible] **5.55 The News Boys** [illegible] **8.00 And Then There Was One** [illegible] **10.00 Sliver** [illegible] **11.50 Liebestraum** [illegible] **1.45am A Private Matter** [illegible] **3.15 Cotton Comes to Harlem** [illegible] **4.50 True Stories** [illegible]

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Raid on Rommel [illegible] **8.00 The Rose Tattoo** [illegible] **10.00-12.00 Missing** [illegible]

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Just For You [illegible] **8.00 To Catch a Yeti** [illegible] **10.00 The Solid Gold Cadillac** [illegible] **12.00 Cop and a Half** [illegible] **2.00pm The Story of Esther Costello** [illegible] **4.00 To Catch a Yeti** [illegible] **5.50 Greyhounds** [illegible] **7.30 UK Top Ten** [illegible] **8.00 Cop and a Half** [illegible] **9.35 Mr Saturday Night** (1992) **11.35 Mo' Money** (1992) (935273) **1.05am My Name is Kate** (1993) (295303) **2.40 Coopersmith** (1991) (237674) **4.15 While the City Sleeps** (1956) (694622)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am [illegible] (52059) **7.30** American Sports Cavalcade (17544) **8.30** World Sport [illegible] **9.00** One to One (32761) **9.30** Aerobics (93273) **10.00** The Big League [illegible] **12.00** Aerobics (52525) **12.30pm** [illegible] **2.30** NBA Basketball [illegible] **4.30** Snowboard Tour (7186) **5.00** [illegible] **6.00** Soccer News [illegible] **6.15** Fish Tales (885070) **6.30** Stunt Team Championship (2631) **7.00** Monday Night Football — Live: Liverpool v Southampton (2210520) **11.00** Soccer News [illegible] **11.15** Fish Tales (920696) **11.30** Stunt Team Championship (12383) **12.00-2.00am** Football (26262)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Golf (15952) **8.30** Marathon (47419) **9.30** Speed Skating (54512) **10.30** Alpine Skiing (45222) **12.00** Indycar (75964) **1.00pm** Football (54512) **2.00** Tennis (93564) **3.30** Marathon (41148) **4.30** Formula One (45148) **5.30** Indycar (37506) **6.30** Eurosport News (4099) **7.00** Speedworld (51631) **9.00** Football (36438) **10.00** Live Boxing (52877) **11.30** Eurogolf Magazine (70750) **12.30-1.00am** News (55858)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Travel Turkey (4636148) **12.30pm** Zoo Life [illegible] **1.00** Great Escape (9018457) **1.30** Cook Italian (4710273) **2.00** California's Gold (7374525) **2.30** Turkey (4147902) **3.00** Dreams (4012167) **4.00** Guide (4138254) **4.30** Zoo Life (4134438) **5.00** Trailside (7335143) **5.30** Cook Italian (4116490) **6.00** Australia (4145631) **6.30** Discover Your World (4123902) **7.00** American Vacation [illegible] **8.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes [illegible] **8.30** Guide [illegible] **9.00** Getaway — Australia (4025186) **9.30** Discover Your World (1735438) **10.00** American Vacation (5039341) **11.00** Trailside (4021631) **11.30-12.00** California's Gold (4623438)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (4555761) **8.30** Peyton Place [illegible] **9.00** As the World Turns [illegible] **10.00** Guiding Light (9394877) **11.30-12.00** Another World (9007341)

TLC

9.00am The Magic of Ribbons (2375964) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (5586780) **10.00** Being There (2314438) **10.30** Only Human (3957506) **11.15** Draw with Don (95704631) **11.30** Amanda and Friends (4210803) **12.00** Decisions, Decisions (2395728) **12.30pm** Work in Progress (5597896) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (8975902) **1.30** The Magic of Ribbons (5596167) **2.00** Jimmy's (2477457) **2.30** Park High (1423235) **3.00** How Does Your Garden Grow? (2456964) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (1428780)

The Solid Gold Cadillac
(Movie Channel, 10.00am)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (8945761) **7.30** Neighbours (8964896) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2394099) **8.30** EastEnders (2386070) **9.00** The Bill (2377322) **9.30** Flesh and Blood (5396506) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (7684099) **11.30** Terry and June (2410821) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2397186) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5599254) **1.00** EastEnders (8344032) **1.30** The Bill (5598525) **2.00** Spring and Autumn (2479815) **2.30** Rings on their Fingers (1435633) **3.00** Knots Landing (4315457) **4.00** Dallas (5860542) **5.00** Every Second Counts (9167186) **5.35** Dick Emery (3231506) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (4253815) **6.30** EastEnders (1440902) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9146032) **8.00** Rings on Their Fingers (2459051) **8.30** My Wife Next Door (2478186) **9.00** Secret Army (9175544) **10.00** The Bill (2398815) **10.30** Top of the Pops (7070322) **11.15** Alas Smith And Jones (5085099) **11.55** Dr Who (2189780) **12.20am** FILM: Eagle's Wing (1979) (2438465) **2.15-3.00** Shopping at Night (5393246)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (6439235) **6.55** Garfield (7906709) **7.25** Eek the Cat (6967070) **7.55** Degrassi Junior High (6332362) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (4846896) **8.45** Casper (1052099) **9.00** Sesame Street (37341) **10.00** It's Drobee Time (16235) **12.00** Garfield (81051) **12.30am** Eek the Cat (30815) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (77983) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (83933525) **1.45** Baby Follies (83921780) **2.00** Barney (4148) **2.30** Babar (8490) **3.00** Casper (1175544) **3.15** Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures (452964) **3.45** Sonic (451235) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1771167) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (8254)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (4057877) **7.15** Pee Wee's Playhouse (570709) **7.45** Rugrats (562780) **8.15** Doug (657322) **8.45** Nickalive! (8782544) **9.00** Nick Jr (336490) **12.00** Pee Wee (50167) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (92631) **1.00** Smibggles (42612) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (91902) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (6322) **2.30** Galaxy High School (5964) **3.00** Killer Tomatoes (7457) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (7709) **4.00** Doug (9544) **4.30** Rugrats (5728) **5.00** Clarissa (2902) **5.30** Alex Mac (9780) **6.00** Grimmy (6893) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (2083)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (1447815) **4.30** *Earthfile (1443099)* **5.00** *Blood, Sweat and* Glory (81516167) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4841780) **7.00** Next Step (2471273) **7.30** Future Quest (1444728) **8.00** Eclipse of the Century (9153322) **9.00** Reaching for the Skies (9173186) **10.00** The Blue Revolution (9176273) **11.00** Special Forces (8210083) **11.30** Those Who Dare (2303322)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM Ten Little Indians (1966). Agatha Christie's suspense story starring Hugh O'Brian (2321728) **2.00pm** The Avengers (2302693) **3.00** Rat Patrol (2443490) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (1422506) **4.00** FILM: Beach Party (1963). Romantic antics of teenage surfers. With Frankie Avalon (2454506) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (1411490) **6.30** Cannon (1622815) **7.30** The Invisible Man (1431254) **8.00** The Avengers (9157148) **9.00** The New Avengers (9160612) **10.00-12.00** FILM: 9½ Weeks (1985): A passionate affair becomes a dangerous obsession. Starring Mickey Rourke and Kim Basinger (7460326)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (6353896) **7.00** Living (8861254) **8.00** Go for It (6842825) **8.30** Rendezvous (1988916) **9.00** On the House (7263308) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7638322) **10.05** Now You See It (8231998) **10.30** Susan Powter (5388772) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7372709) **12.00** Masterchef (6735099) **12.35pm** Rendezvous (48512677) **1.05** Kilroy (8565322) **2.00** Agony Hour (1245070) **3.00** Living (7941032) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (65441877) **4.00** Infatuation (9568051) **4.30** Crosswits (9584235) **5.00** Take Six Cooks (3797148) **5.35** The New Mr and Mrs Show (7304728) **6.05** Susan Powter (8637902) **6.30** Brookside (9569780) **7.00** Living (9018254) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (9027902) **9.00** *FILM: Shattered Vows (1984)* (98421877) **10.50** Sneak Scenes (8178051) **11.00** Brookside (1880032) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (1240525)

FAMILY CHANNEL

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MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (80991) **6.30** The Grind (36148) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (86254) **8.00** VJ Ingo (264709) **11.00** Soul (75525) **12.00** Greatest Hits (11780) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (853896) **3.30** Coca Cola Report (1124803) **3.45** Cinematic (6174308) **4.00** News (1783902) **4.15** 3 From 1 (1773525) **4.30** Dial (3952) **5.00** Hit List UK (55542) **7.00** Greatest Hits (72254) **8.00** The Eagles. Hell Freezes Over (81902) **9.00** The Real World 3 (47070) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (29709) **10.00** Coca Cola Report (254902) **10.15** Cinematic (259457) **10.30** MTV News at Night (856051) **10.45** 3 From 1 (951506) **11.00** The End? (42457) **1.00am** The Soul of MTV (85649) **2.00** The Grind (27113) **2.30-5.00** Night Videos (9634620)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9017728) **9.00** Café (8322490) **12.00** The *Bridge (1709167)* **1.00pm** Videos (9010815) **1.30** Ten of the Best (9734612) **2.30** Heart and Soul (3802490) **3.30** Into the Music (3935591) **6.00** Prime Cuts (4117761) **6.30** VH-1 to 1 (4131341) **7.00** VH-1 for You (5019728) **8.00** VH-1 Album Chart (5099964) **10.00** The Bridge (4703964) **11.30** The Nightly (4704693) **1.30** Ten of the Best (5813194) **2.30-7.00** Dawn Patrol (7966910)

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Dutch remain favourites to take Barings

By Melvyn Marckus and Neil Bennett

LATE last night, as talks continued over the future of Barings, Internationale Nederlanden Group, the Dutch *financial services empire*, remained favourite to acquire the *stricken* banking enterprise.

ING, advised by Robert Fleming, had been granted exclusive due diligence rights but expectations that agreement might be reached by *yesterday evening proved* premature.

Themajor rival to ING's widely publicised hopes of acquiring Barings for £1 re*mains* ABN Amro, the Dutch bank which has been holding *talks with* Smith Barney, *the* US broking house. The focus of ABN's attention is Barings' corporate finance department. Members of Barings' corpo*rate finance operation* are known to favour a deal with ABN Amro which, in recent days is reported to have liased with Sandy Weill, head of Travelers Inc, the US combine that controls Smith Barney.

Although ING was perceived as the front-runner last *night, word had it that* ABNAmro was also interested in Barings' asset management arm, particularly if it could divest Barings Securities to *Smith Barney*.

The Singapore authorities have revealed that they have closed all of Barings' loss-making futures contracts more than a week before their expiry deadline.

The Singapore International Monetary Exchange (Simex) confirmed at the weekend that all the Nikkei futures positions built up by Nick Leeson have been sold. Simex is believed to have used *Goldman Sachs and another* US securities firm in the operation.

The exchange would not say how much the futures contracts had lost but it is believed to be around £200 million.

Barings also ran up heavy losses on the Osaka Stock Exchange *in Japan*.

Simex also revealed that *although Baring Futures Singapore* was one of the biggest traders in the futures market, its operations were extremely limited. Officially, it only dealt for four clients and three of these were other Barings' sub*sidiaries in London, Tokyo* and Hong Kong. The firm's only outside customer was Banque Nationale de Paris, which is not implicated in the *firm's collapse in any way*. The limited scope of the busi*ness has intensified specula*tion in the Singapore financial markets over how Mr Leeson was allowed to build up such large trading positions.

Peter Baring: crisis

Price Waterhouse, the judicial manager for Baring Futures appointed by the Singapore courts last week, has confirmed the massive profits that the company was making before the beginning *of this year. In 1994, internal* records show it made a S$20 million profit, making it one of the most profitable subsidiaries within Barings, even though it employed only a handful of staff.

Simex said in its weekend statement that the margin payments that it received from Barings had covered the losses on the futures contracts. "No loss has resulted to Simex," it said. This has allowed Simex to close the affair without resorting to the US$300 mil*lion loan it was offered at the* start of the week by a group of *six local banks. Barings* handed Simex US$128 million between February 21 and 24 to cover the margin calls on its loss-making contracts. The *cash is thought to have been* part of a 60 billion yen loan from a syndicate of 20 Japanese banks, which is believed to have been approved in Barings' *London headquarters*.

the Stock Exchange of Sin*gapore has declared that Bar*ing Securities in Singapore is financially sound and has no difficulty in honouring its trading obligations since the subsidiary was kept separate from the futures business by the Barings group, *which is* led by Peter Baring. The stock exchange gave its endorsement after appointing a manager last week to run the *affairs of Baring Securities in* the country. But the stock exchange attacked some of the firm's clients and banks for their initial refusal to deal normally with the business. "The company experienced *some difficulty in settling* trades due to . . . the refusal of some clients to settle their trades," it said, but added that the problems have largely been resolved. The stock exchange added that the company should have no difficulty in honouring its remaining share deals and said the process should be completed in the next few days.

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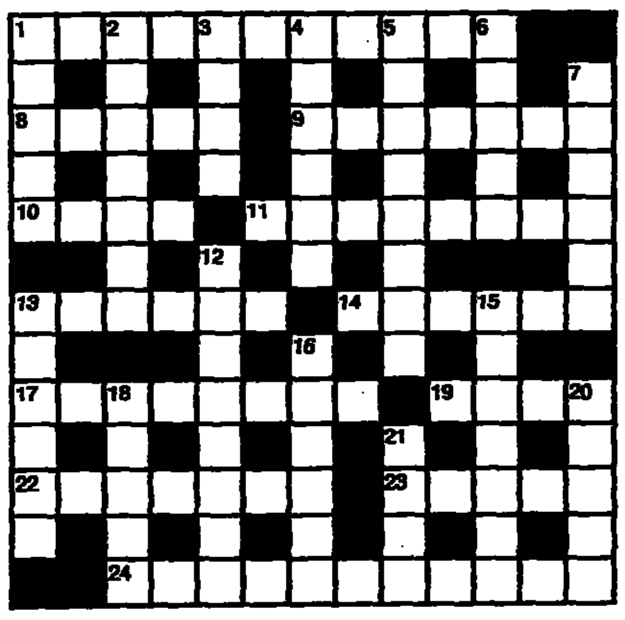

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- 14 Cowardly (6)
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- 22 Intestinal infection, usu. from impure water (7)
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- 24 *Buchan novel* (11)

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- 4 *The Picture of* — Gray (*Wilde*) (6)
- 5 Overdrawn (2,3,3)
- 6 Villain; court-card (5)
- 7 Genial; sweet and ripe (6)
- 12 *Facial bruise* (5,3)
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Share prices for generators unveiled

Power sale set for premium

By Ross Tieman

PART-PAID shares in National Power and PowerGen are expected to reach an instant premium today after the £4 billion sale of the Government's remaining stakes was heavily oversubscribed.

Shares in National Power, the larger of the two generat*ing companies, will be sold in* the UK Public Offer for 476p. PowerGen shares will cost 512p. This gives small investors a 10p discount to the terms for institutional investors, also fixed yesterday afternoon.

Small investors have been allocated 51.3 per cent of the offer, *rather than the 40 per* cent planned at first. At allocation level, the UK Public Offer was 1.6 times subscribed. Individual investors may find allocations scaled back, but, in most cases, those who *sought fewer than 400 shares* will find requests met in full.

Some 1.07 million investors offered to invest an average of about £2,800 in Britain's two biggest private-sector generating companies, even though *the final price had yet to be* fixed. A further 5.3 per cent of shares offered have been allocated to the UK Retail Tender, under which rich individuals could bid for equity alongside institutions. All applications *for shares to top up tax*-avoiding personal equity plans will be met *in full, but* others face scaling-back.

The number of shares available to British and overseas institutional investors in the *International Offer has been* scaled back to leave more for individuals. Institutional investors will receive little more than 10 per cent of the shares they sought at the striking price. Many were expected to *try to top up their holdings* when stock market dealings begin at 7.30am today. One executive close to the sale said: "A lot of institutions have got *zero allocations. That could* lead to quite a lot of buying, but that doesn't mean they will buy on day one."

Government advisers indicated that, even though the institutional offer was nine *times subscribed, they had* not felt able to raise the strike price further. "The Treasury chose to strike a balance between maximising proceeds while ensuring a healthy after-market," said a spokesman for the advisers.

Analysts expect the part-paid shares to attract a premium of up to 20p. As in past privatisations, the shares are payable *in three instalments, payable* over 18 months. Dividends on the part-paid shares give an unusually high rate of return to investors, and enable the Government to demand a higher price for the stock.

That is why shares in National Power, which accounts for some 60 per cent of the offer, are being priced in the Public Offer at 476p, *against* a closing *price* on Friday of 456.5p. The Public *Offer* price of *PowerGen* shares is 512p, against a market price of 492p.

Simultaneously with the public offer, the companies *will buy back and cancel* shares worth some £800 million, equal to 7.7 per cent of National Power equity and 7.6 per cent of PowerGen.

Under provisional allocation arrangements, existing share*holders who applied via a share* shop for a mixed package of 500 shares or fewer will receive all they sought. Those who sought more will find *allocations scaled back pro*gressively. Those seeking 20,000 or more receive only 30 per cent of those sought. Non-shareholders who applied via *share shops for 300 shares or* fewer will be satisfied in full, *with bigger requests trimmed*.

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Privatising power: Tim Horlick, left, Kleinwort Benson director, with Ivan Wilson, of the Treasury, and Amir Eilon, managing director of BZW, yesterday

Central banks to renew aid for dollar

By Colin Narbrough

CENTRAL banks are today *set to renew efforts to halt the* dollar's slide as an air of crisis grows in currency markets.

The European Union monetary committee was last night in emergency session in Brussels. Spain asked to devalue after weakness in the peseta, caused by political worries, was exacerbated by upward pressure on the German mark as investors switched from American dollars. The peseta closed near new lows of 88.44 to the mark on Friday. Portugal, whose economy is closely *linked with Spain's, may* be forced to devalue the escudo.

The US Federal Reserve, backed by 16 central banks, including the Bank of England, failed to reverse sentiment for the dollar on Friday, in spite of *concerted intervention in sup*port of the ailing currency.

The dollar slumped to a post-war low of Y93.75 in New York on Friday and was driven down to a two and a half year low of DM1.4720. Even the pound, although weakened by political uncertainties, drew strength from troubles blighting the dollar.

The European monetary committee can endorse devaluation of the peseta and the *escudo or seek their departure* from the European exchange-rate mechanism until Spain's economic problems are resolved. Both countries are likely to resist leaving the grid. However, devaluation within the ERM, might be seen as a short-term fix that would leave it open to further instability.

In 1993, the ERM bands of variation were widened from *2.25 per cent and 6 per cent to 15 per cent*.

Bearishness towards the dollar has grown since last month's US plan to grant Mexico $20 billion to support the peso. Remarks by Alan *Greenspan, the Fed chairman*, suggesting reluctance to raise US interest rates again soon, led hedge funds and investment banks to sell dollars.

With the dollar nearing Y90, corporate Japan may have to re*patriate yen, in line with Japa*nese rules on foreign-exchange losses, and the dollar's plight could worsen as the German, Swiss and Japanese currencies become beneficiaries of this.

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New pay settlements are higher

MORE than three-quarters of deals in the new-*year pay round* have been above the level of settle*ments agreed a year ago*, according to leading specialists Industrial Relations Services (Ross Tieman writes).

Although average annual pay awards remained at 3 per cent during January for the third month in a *row, new awards are now* at their highest since March 1993.

The latest IRS report says: "A combination of rising inflation, sustained recovery and more buoyant profit margins are serving to raise pay expectations."

Upward pressure on pay deals, combined with growing evidence of rising prices for raw materials and industrial intermediates, will cause concern among ministers and at the Bank of England, and increase the likelihood of a *rise in interest rates*.

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Trafalgar starts final push to win Northern

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

TRAFALGAR HOUSE will *this week launch a last ditch* effort to clinch its £1.23 billion *touch-and-go* battle to *take* over Northern Electric.

The construction to shipping conglomerate will seek to unsettle institutional investors *by questioning the financing* of Northern's defensive plans *to hand back* £560 million to shareholders. Nigel Rich, Trafalgar's chief executive, *hopes* that worries over rising interest rates and regulation may stampede investors, who believe Northern is worth more than £12 a share, into accepting Trafalgar's £11-*a-share offer*.

The outcome of the first bid for a privatised electricity company in Britain will be decided by fund managers. Small shareholders, who control 19.3 per cent of the company, appear largely hostile to the offer. A number of private *investors have formed* a campaign group to fight the Trafalgar offer, which closes at *1pm on Friday*.

At the inaugural meeting of the Northern Electric Small Shareholders Association last week, attended by some 120 individuals, shareholders voted by *more than ten to one* to *oppose the offer. Their aim:* to preserve an independent regional electricity company in the North East.

Northern Electric shares have shown little sign of any shift in sentiment in response to lobbying by each side. They closed at £10.56p on Friday, *down just 2p from the day* when Trafalgar lifted its all-cash offer to £11.

If Northern suceeds in fighting off Trafalgar, it *will hand* back £5.60 a share to its investors in a mixture of cash, preference shares, and dividends. The proposals amount largely to a "front-end loading" of the rising dividend *payments that most of the* remaining 12 regional electricity companies in the UK are *expected to make during the* next five years.

But to fund the cash payout, Northern will have to raise its gearing to 225 per cent by extending its borrowings. SG Warburg, the merchant bank defending Northern, has promised to arrange facilties *for a £350 million loan*.

Trafalgar is calling — so far unsuccessfully — for the Takeover Panel to oblige Northern to disclose what interest rate will be payable, and what, if any, covenants will be applied.

A Trafalgar *spokesman* said: "They are turning a nice safe regional electricity company into a very highly geared and much less safe animal."

But with a £5.60 a share payout on offer, and a monopoly licence extending to 1998 to underpin Northern's core electricity distribution business, a crucial proportion of share*holders may yet prove* willing to take that risk on board.

Glaxo on course to win Wellcome

By Melvyn Marckus, city editor

GLAXO'S £9 billion takeover bid for Wellcome still remains the only offer on the table. The City has always been sceptical about the likelihood of a counterbid emerging, in spite of the widely *held belief that Zeneca, led by* chief executive David Barnes, would dearly *like to achieve* a merger with Wellcome.

Wellcome's share price at £10.41 showed a 4p discount against Glaxo's share and cash terms on Friday. Speculation that a counterbidder *may* emerge over the weekend proved ill-founded, although Wellcome's camp *showed* little inclination to throw in the corporate towel yesterday.

Glaxo is reputed to have approached *Zeneca prior to its £9 billion offer for* Wellcome, which is underpinned by *Wellcome Trust's "irrevocable" accep*tance in respect of its 39.5 per cent stake — subject to a counterbid emerging before Wednesday's first closing date.

Mr Barnes did nothing to dampen speculation last Thursday when he claimed that Zeneca could put together the financing to bid for Wellcome if necessary. Mr Barnes emphasised that such a deal was "hypothetical". In his words: "We have a very strong balance sheet and we are down to zero gearing. I am sure that financing of that scale could be put in place."

Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive of *Glaxo, has completed a comprehensive* roadshow with City institutions. Fund *managers are understood to be support*ive of Sir Richard's arguments in respect of industrial logic. Wellcome, for its part, has not disputed the logic of a merger, its opposition being based on price.

The possibility of the Stock Exchange or the Takeover Panel pressing Zeneca to clarify its intentions cannot be ruled out.

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